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Croatia set to move on 21-acre site if Govt gives OK to gambling machines



Sam Papsavas



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IT'S YES TO POKIES

National League clubs, State League clubs and the Victorian Soccer Federation this week expressed strong support for the possible legalisation of poker machines in Victoria next year.

The State ALP government of Premier John Cain has appointed Mr Murray Wilcox QC to head an enquiry until October into poker machine legalisation.

NSL chairman Sam Papsavas and VSF secretary George Wallace said it was likely that a submission would be made to the enquiry on behalf of soccer.

Big news from Melbourne Croatia is that it hopes to build a fully-licensed social club, equipped with poker machines, on 21 acres of land in Deer Park.

Croatia intends also to build a ground on the land, for which it expects to get a lease from Sunshine City Council within the next two or three weeks.

Croatia president Joe Sigur said the project would cost "millions".

"Poker machines would be great for Victorian clubs," Mr Sigur said. "It's poker machines that so far have made the Sydney clubs stronger than ours."

He said that with poker machines, he would expect Croatia's club membership to jump from the present 750 to at least 2000.

VSF secretary George Wallace said: "Legalisation would certainly be of great benefit to the Federation and to our clubs because poker machines would be a means of generating revenue."

"Poker machines would put our semi-professional clubs on a firmer footing, providing there is no abuse of the facility."

"The only problem I can see is whether, as was the case with Western Suburbs in Sydney, the social side of a club grows so much that it drowns out the soccer side."

"I think the VSL would be willing to make a submission to the poker machine enquiry the way we did for the introduction of the Pools in 1972-73."

NSL chairman Sam Papsavas said: "I'm delighted that the State government is taking this attitude. Poker machines would be of great benefit to all sports clubs in Victoria, just as they are in NSW."

"They would result in better ground facilities and allow us to compete with NSW clubs on a more equal basis."

Mr Papsavas added that Victoria's four NSL clubs — Hellas, Makedonia, Heidelberg and J.U.S.T. — in conjunction with the VSF, should emerge counsel to appear at the enquiry on soccer's behalf.

"It's a very, very good idea, and I hope it goes ahead. We would instal poker machines at our social clubs virtually straight away," said Greg Schipano, president of State League club Fawcner, which has strong support from the Italian community.

"We already have applied for a liquor licence and we expect to be called before the Liquor Control Commission in May."

"The Broadmeadows Council has said it would provide us with a new ground and facilities in Mahoney's Road within the next three years, but we would retain our present premises in Jukes Road as our social club."

John Branov, president of Preston Makedonia, which has an impressive licensed social club opposite its ground at Reservoir, was more enthusiastic than anyone we talked to about poker machines.

"They will help all clubs work out their financial problems," Mr Branov said.

"We are hoping, dreaming and praying for legalisation."

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Mexico gets Cup, Canada, U.S. fume



ZURICH, the special committee appointed by FIFA to examine the applications to stage the 1986 World Cup finals is to pursue only the Mexican application.

A FIFA statement said the committee, chaired by Hermann Neuburger of West Germany, had reached this conclusion "after careful study and consideration" of the applications from Canada, the United States and Mexico.

The statement said the applications from Canada and the U.S. deviated too much from the conditions laid down in the terms of reference approved by FIFA's executive committee.

Canada's application deserved special praise for its systematic presentation, said the statement, but only nine stadiums were offered instead of the required 12.

And the vast distances between venues on the North American continent would also cause organisational problems, the statement said.

The special committee — comprising chairman Neuburger, Argentina's Carlos Alberto Lacoste, Horst Schmidt also of West Germany, and general secretary Joseph Blatter — will visit Mexico from April 11 to 18.

The FIFA executive committee meeting in Stockholm on May 20 will decide on the venue for the finals on the basis of information received and conclusions reached.

The president of the North American Soccer league said in New York he was outraged at the apparent decision by FIFA to reject the U.S. and Canadian bids.

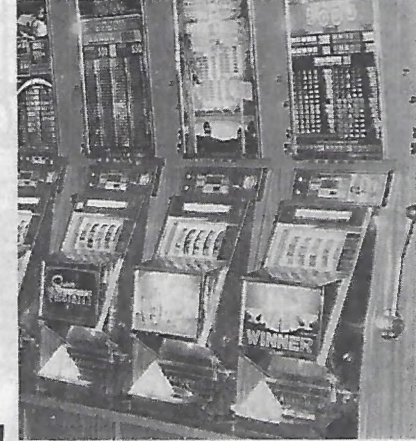
"I am truly outraged at FIFA's announcement that they would only consider Mexico's application for the World Cup without even making inspection tours of the U.S. and Canada," said Howard J. Samuels.

"I think their action is an insult not only to the soccer federations of both countries, but also to President Reagan and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau of Canada, both of whom have expressed their undivided enthusiasm for hosting the World Cup."

Later, the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) announced it had protested to FIFA against its decision to consider only Mexico's application.

It requested clarification of FIFA's action and asked FIFA to reverse its verdict, which also apparently dashed Canada's hopes of staging the finals.

Werner Fricker, chairman of the USSF World Cup Organising Committee, said in a message "Your decision not to visit the United States as prescribed by your own rules and regulations is unacceptable."



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After the boom of the early 70s and the hopes raised by the inception of the National League, soccer here has not really progressed. Some observers even assert it has gone backwards.

The reasons are many and difficult to pinpoint with accuracy. But when well-established and reasonably successful clubs like Frankston City fold up a half of unpaid bills and unfilled players' contracts the time has come to take our heads out of the sand and look at stern reality.

"Soccer Action", mindful of its duty as the most authoritative voice of the game, opens the debate on this sore point with a series of articles, starting next week by ROCKY DI ZIO, a well known former soccer administrator with experience going back 20 years.

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Patikas, Incantalupo veteran youth stars

Jim Patikas, Fabio Incantalupo and David Lowe go into the World Youth Championships in Mexico in June as Australia's most distinguished youth players.

Patikas, the midfielder bought by Sydney Olympic from Sydney City for \$20,000 this year, is Australia's most-capped youth international after the team's successful WYC qualifying series.

He has played 25 games for the youth team, including 20 as full youth international (against other national youth teams). The balance comprises games against overseas club teams.

Incantalupo, of Victorian club Juventus, is second with 23 appearances, including 18 internationals.

Both are in their second WYC series, having played

also in the 1981 tournament staged in Australia.

Lowe, of Newcastle KB United, is the top youth team scorer, with 15 goals, 10 of them in full youth internationals.

We have prepared a youth team honors roll of leaders in appearances and goals, since Australia's preparation in 1979 for its first WYC.

The roll is made up of the number of full youth international games, the total number of games (including games against overseas club sides or combined sides), full international goals and total goals.

TOTAL YOUTH APPEARANCES

25. J. Patikas
23. F. Incantalupo
20. P. Raskopoulos
18. R. Maier
17. R. Wheatley, P. Kay, C. Hummell, D. Lowe, T. McCulloch
16. S. Blair, R. Jones, F. Farina, R. Stewart, R. Vlietstra
15. I. Hunter, R. Brown
14. G. Ahearn, D. Mitchell
13. O. Crino, B. Woods, G. Lee, D. Wright
11. G. Woodhouse, M. Molovanvic, T. Selemidis, I. Rowden

FULL YOUTH INTERNATIONALS

20. Patikas
18. Incantalupo
17. Raskopoulos
15. Wheatley, Blair
14. Kay
13. Crino, Hummell, Maier, Jones, Lowe, McCulloch
12. Ahearn, Mitchell, Hunter, Vlietstra
11. Woods, Lee, Farina, Stewart, Brown
10. Wright

TOTAL GOALS

15. Lowe
12. Brown
9. Krncevic
8. Farina
5. M. Koussas, P. Tredinnick, Wright, Incantalupo
4. Crino, Jennings, Raskopoulos

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL GOALS

10. Lowe
7. Brown
6. Krncevic
5. Koussas Farina
4. Crino, Wright



Jim Patikas in action for Sydney Olympic.



David Lowe, 1982 Australian under 21 Player of the Year.

Watch Vincent go!

Of all the newcomers to the NSL this season, few can match the promise of Bob Vincent — widely regarded as among the best players produced by English schoolboy soccer just four years ago.

There was little doubt that Vincent would become a professional. Many clubs vied for his signature, yet it was Sunderland which he joined; firstly as an apprentice, and then as full pro, in November, 1979.

Eighteen months elapsed before a tentative first team debut was made at West Bromwich Albion in a Division One fixture. Five days later he came on as substitute during a home game with Brighton.

Both matches were lost and Vincent also lost favor with manager Alan Durban.

Released by the Rokerites, he moved to second division Orient on a non-contract basis in time to play in the already relegated club's last game of the 1981-82 season. A morale boosting 3-0 victory over Leicester seemed to augur well for both Orient and its newcomer, who played fearfully in midfield.

Full terms were offered and accepted shortly afterwards and the Novocastrian appeared regularly in the Orient line-up during the early part of the current English League campaign.

After 10 games though, the last one on November 13, 1982, Vincent was again discarded, enabling Heidelberg to pick him up.

Although he has worn the white shirt of England, it was at schoolboy level and therefore Vincent will be eligible to represent Australia.

— PAUL MOON



Fabio Incantalupo

Following in dad's footsteps

It was in 1971 that Scotsman John Kirkpatrick of South Hobart won the first ever Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania. How time flies! John's 23-year-old son, Billy, is now making his own name on the Tasmanian soccer scene.

In 1981, Billy was in the Brighton-ICL team that won the league and cup double. Last season he returned to his previous club, Croatia-Glenorchy, and scored five goals in as many matches, including the final, to help the team win the Michael the Tailor Cup.

Kirkpatrick has played in every position except in goal. His favorite is in midfield, but central striker suits him too. Midway through

last season he hit a goal famine and was moved to the centre-back position where he dominated. It remains to be seen where Croatia's coach, John Grimsey, puts him this year.

A regular reader of "Soccer Action", Billy always watches the fortunes of his team-mate of two years ago, Kevin Swinscoe, now with Juventus in Victoria.

It reminds him of when he was 16 and had the chance to go to Victoria too. "I had a chance to trial with Box Hill. I think I was a bit scared to go over there so I said no. I didn't give it any thought at all," he says. Those ambitions have gone now, however.

Experts say: 'Forget the pretty passing'

"An accepted notion is that effective soccer is based upon ball possession, i.e. building up patiently from the back, using large numbers of consecutive passes, which coaches have come to think of as a thing of beauty. I have come to know it as a thing that is completely ineffective and will not win matches."

So says Charlie Hughes who arguably has written the two best coaching books to come from England: "Football Tactics and Teamwork," and "Soccer Tactics and Skills," and he also devised the latest coaching videos (FACTS).

The above quote obviously supports the whirlwind style of Watford which I discussed in a recent edition.

Hughes supports his theory by quoting statistics.

In the recent World Cup 146 goals were scored and he has analysed 106 of them, or in other words two thirds of the goals scored. He found that 84 of those goals were scored in four passes or less which in his opinion suggests that more direct play produces results.

Conversely he suggests that when 12 or 13 passes have been strung together the statistics show that seldom if at all does a goal result.

Hughes continues that looking at certain aspects which relate to how many goals are scored, you see that set plays, i.e. free kicks, corners and throw-ins in the attacking third of the field account for 50% of all goals scored.

In analysing reasons for this, one finds that a number of the set pieces are caused in the first place by the early ball behind defenders.

This means the defenders have to turn and, being under pressure, can concede throw-ins, corners or even free kicks. Consequently the attacking side can now determine when and where they play the ball and also have time to bring the big defenders up to become an aerial threat to the defending teams.

On the other side of the coin, Frank McLintock who suggests the Watford style worries him, says that this style of play contains none of the ingredients that makes soccer such a fascinating game.

McLintock continues: "Where is the passing, the clever little flighted balls, the deftness of situations that have incubated such inimitable talents as the Liam Bradys, Johnny Giles, Arnold Muhrens of the world?"

"Where is the skill that delights, as men use their ingenuity to weave patterns and outwit each other in a battle of opposing talents?"

Their, he suggests, is the stuff of another type of battle. It is like the stoning of the Bastille or the Battle of the Somme.

It has no place in a game



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

that is a sporting art form which has grown throughout the world because of its creative capacity.

Men like Pele, Puskas, Didi, Di Stefano, Charlton (Bobby),

Beckenbauer and the likes would not have found any fulfilment in such a frenzied fandang.

If we return to our domestic situation, maybe comparisons

can be made with problems faced by our National League teams, or indeed our national team.

Footscray JUST coach Bobby McLachlan was quoted recently, saying: "Footscray plays pretty soccer but it does not pay." He went on: "I have to teach my boys to cut out 12 passes and make three passes to get a goal. They play tremendous stuff but it does not produce goals."

McLachlan suggests that "Footscray looks good but there's a difference between winning and losing."

There are no prizes for guessing which style McLachlan prefers — Watford's or McLintock's — although I guess either would do as long as they score and win.

Watching Heidelberg recently I would imagine that the Watford whirlwind style would be a waste of time for them.

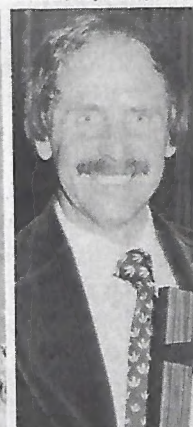
The players possessing the aerial power up front are missing.

Mike Valentine could fill the roll of supporting from the flank. Jim Campbell would certainly provide the back-up from the midfield. On the other hand Juan Toro seems more fitted to the "clever little flighted balls" suggested by McLintock.

Whichever style coach Ken Morton opts for, a central striker or two must be top of the shopping list if Heidelberg is to seriously contest the title. As I suggested previously, there are different ways to play the game. It is built around the principles of the game, the coach's understanding of them and player availability.



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Bobby McLachlan

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The 22-man Australian squad named by Frank Arok last week is:

GOALKEEPERS: Terry Greedy (St. George), Greg Woodhouse (APIA).

DEFENDERS: Bobby Russell, Steve Blair, Alan Davidson (St. Melb Hellas), Mike O'Shea, David Ratcliffe (St. George), Jim Cant (Sydney City), Graham Jennings (Sydney Olympic), Tony Henderson (Marconi), Arno Bertogna (APIA).

MIDFIELDERS: Ken Murphy (St. Melb Hellas), Mike Valentine (Heidelberg), George Christopoulos (Canberra), Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic), Joe Watson (Sydney City).

FORWARDS: John Kosmina, David Mitchell (Sydney City), Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic), Sebastian Giampolo (APIA), Mark Jankovics (Marconi).

O'Connor out, Soper is Arok's No. 1

Peter Laumets (Hellas), Gerardo Gomez (Sydney City), Jim Campbell (Heidelberg) and Ian Souness (Sydney City) are possible additions or replacements for the 22-man national squad named last week for the three-match series against England in June.

Coach Frank Arok made it clear that the composition of the squad may change, and that only the best in-form players would take the field against England on June 12, 15 and 19.

He reaffirmed that he wants to use blocks of players from the strongest club teams.

He had spoken about using the entire Hellas defence, but did not name Laumets, John Yzendoorn or Arthur Xanthopoulos in the squad. Yzendoorn is vying with Xanthopoulos for the Hellas sweeper's role.

However, he did choose Joe Watson to link up with his Sydney City team mates John Kosmina and David Mitchell.

The three surprise selections are Mike Valentine of Heidelberg, Jim Cant of Sydney City and Graham Jennings of Olympic.

The surprise omission is that of Wollongong's Phil O'Connor. Valentine joined Heidelberg only in June last year, on a \$5000 transfer from Box Hill.

Arok said he had seen Valentine four times and rates him as the fittest player in Australia.

A possible team, in 4-2-2 formation, from among the 22 named by Arok, in consultation with national coach Les Scheinflug is:

Terry Greedy — Bobby Russell, Steve Blair, Arno Bertogna, Alan Davidson — Joe Watson, George Christopoulos, Ken Murphy, Mike Valentine — John Kosmina, Marshall Soper.

Arok said that on current form, Murphy and Soper were definite starters against England.

"What Australia lacked in its two losses against New Zealand was a willingness to tackle and to win the ball in midfield," Arok said.

"We need a readiness to dive and die, dive and die again."

"There were too many ball players against New Zealand."

About Valentine, he added: "He's young (20), he's Australian-born, he has an incredible work-rate, a fine attitude to the game and good passing ability. I want to have a good look at him in our training camp on April 19 and 20."

He said he regarded Soper of Olympic as his No. one striker because of Soper's skill and fighting qualities.

"We must build our attack around him, but he needs a good supply of the ball, and that's where Watson will come in. He is the only man who can supply the ball regularly from the wing."

Apart from Laumets, Gomez, Campbell and Souness (if fit), Arok also has Doug Brown of Hellas under consideration — not for the England series because he is not yet naturalised, but as a service to Scheinflug, who may look to Brown for the 1985 World Cup qualifying series.

The squad features five players who have not previously played for Australia — Greedy, Mike O'Shea, Cant, Murphy and Valentine.

Of the players who were in the squad against New Zealand, the following have been omitted for the England series: Martin Crook (West Adelaide, injured), Bruce James (Blacktown), Alan Niven (Brisbane), Robert Whitley (Blacktown), Gary Byrne (Canberra), Phil O'Connor (Wollongong), Gary Cole (Heidelberg, injured), and Tony Brennan (Canberra).

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Mike Valentine



Jim Cant



Graham Jennings



Phil O'Connor

Dutch goalscorer seeks club in Australia



From JIM COOK our European correspondent

A Dutch player with the South China Club in Hong Kong wants to go to Australia. He is Kees Storm, a 29-year-old striker who was top scorer with Selko last year. In Holland Storm was centre forward for The Hague and also played with De Graafschap and NAC Breda. He can be contacted at Victoria Centre, Block 1-32C, Watson Road, North Point, Hong Kong and his telephone number is 5-885372.

Simonsen out

As I predicted Danish international and former European Player of the Year Allan Simonsen has left Charlton after a \$650,000 transfer from Barcelona less than four months ago. Simonsen, 29, played only 17 games for Charlton but scored nine goals. Charlton, through agreement with Barcelona, have paid the Spanish club \$200,000 but the remaining \$350,000 is wiped off after Simonsen's decision to rejoin his home town side Vejle as a part-timer and on peanuts wages.

Knock-out

When centre half Billy Ayre, then with Halifax Town and now with Mansfield, booted the ball into the crowd, he got tangled up in a lawsuit that may make soccer history. For he knocked out spectator Tom Hutchinson 44. Now Tom is suing Ayre and Halifax Town for damages of \$800. It happened in March last year and Hutchinson is a life long Halifax fan.

Yashin ill

Former Russian goalkeeper Lev Yashin who recently suffered a heart attack is reported to be well on the way to recovery according to reliable Moscow sources.

Huddle

Inter Milan have been having talks in London with Spurs and England midfielder when Hoddle who has been languishing in the reserves making a comeback through injury. Hoddle's contract with Spurs expires at the end of this season.

Shrewd Larios

The French international star Jean Francois Larios bought his own transfer from the devastated St Etienne for a reported \$200,000, then signed a three-year contract with Atletico Madrid which will net him signing fees of \$360,000 in addition to his salary. The 26 year old midfielder was at loggerheads with his international team-mate Michel Platini now of Juventus last year.

Cunningham

Laurie Cunningham the former West Bromwich Albion and England winger who moved to Real Madrid four years ago and has been plagued with injury for some time, has joined Manchester United until the end of the season on approval. Cunningham will cost United about \$40,000 until the end of the season and if he is then taken on a permanent basis will cost another \$400,000 or so. Ron Atkinson was manager of West Brom when he was sold to Real. New Atkinson, manager of Manchester United, has bought him back.

Homecoming

Sandy Clark, Scotland's Player of the Year in 1982 who moved

from Airdrie to West Ham in July for \$400,000, scored 10 goals for the Hammers but missed six games through a groin injury, has moved back across the border to Rangers for \$230,000.

Thijssen

Franz Thijssen, the Ipswich and Dutch international midfielder whose form has gone sour with the East Anglian club after winning the PFA Player of the Year Award last season has had talks also in London with Vancouver Whitecaps.

Brooking

Trevor Brooking, the veteran West Ham and England defender who hasn't played top soccer since the World Cup in Spain through a pelvic injury, has started his comeback in the West Ham Reserves.

26 arrests

The Hungarian Football Association has suspended 198 players following the arrest of 26 men alleged to have rigged matches in connection with the State-run soccer pools.

Latchford

Bob Latchford, nearing 25 goals this season for Swansea City, recently turned down an offer to join Chelsea who offered \$100,000 for the Brisbane guest player.

Video plot

A Glasgow Rangers fan and an Austrian fan who resides in Munich helped in some small way to plot Bayern's downfall against Aberdeen. The Rangers fan, Robert McIlroy, an accountant, the German-domiciled Robert Crailer last year on the continent and, both being video fans, they started exchanging tapes of Scottish and German soccer. The Glasgow man passed on some of the Bayern Munich tapes to Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson and they may have helped the Dons dispose of Rummennigge, Bretnere and company.

Greece draws, Germany wins

Results of European Championship matches

GROUP ONE		IN BELGRADE: West Germany 2		GROUP SIX	
IN GLASGOW: Scotland 2		Albania 1 (0-0). Scorers — West		Austria — 3 1 0 1 1 0 0	
Switzerland 2 (half time 0-0).		Germany: Voshell (54), Rummenigge		Northern Ireland — 4 2 1 1 3 0 6	
Scorers — Scotland: Wark (69th		penalty). Albania: Targaj (91,		West Germany — 2 1 0 1 2 2 2	
min), Nicholas (78). Switzerland:		penalty).		Turkey — 3 1 0 2 2 0 2	
Egill (14), Hermann (50).		IN VELLETTE: Republic of		Athens — 4 0 1 3 1 0 1	
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Elst (38), Vandenbergh (68). East		GROUP ONE		Ireland — 4 2 1 1 7 6 6	
Germany: Stroh (82).		P W D L F A Pts		Spain — 3 2 0 0 5 3 6	
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0.		Scotland — 4 1 2 6 7 3		Italy — 4 0 1 3 6 1	
GROUP SIX		Switzerland — 3 1 1 4 5 3			
IN BELFAST: Northern Ireland 2		East Germany — 2 0 2 1 4 0			
Turkey 1 (2-0). Scorers — Northern		GROUP THREE			
Ireland: O'Neill (5), McClelland (17).		England — 4 2 2 0 14 28			
Turkey: Mutin (55).		Denmark — 2 1 0 4 3 3			

'Rasko' and Patikas set up!

When Sydney Olympic beat Sydney City 5-1 two weeks ago, it was the first time I had been in a team that beat the NSL giants.

And what a whalloping it was!

It could have been worse if not for some selfish play, but although it was quite a humiliating loss for the champions, I'm sure they'll bounce back, especially if some of their players try to play soccer with their feet and not their mouths.

On the coaching side of things, I'd like to mention Lubo Gokovic and what a fine job he did with the Sydney Olympic reserves in 1982, producing fine youngsters in Tony Dak, Terry Patialis and Athar Zinos who now are making their mark in the NSL.

It was unfortunate that cir-

KAT'S CORNER
with PETER KATHOLOS

circumstances forced him to leave our club (he's with Sydney City now). Some in soccer circles underrate him, but everyone has his own style and his can't be that bad when he produces young players of such a high calibre.

Last week there was speculation in Sydney that my team mate Peter Raskopoulos and I were fighting.

Well, we have been friends for a long time, and friends are entitled to have their occasional differences. Every good family has its differences, and so it is with Sydney Olympic. It's best to bring these things out into the open and to realise the importance of unity.

It's also true that outside interference can cause friction among players and so such influence must be ignored completely.

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Croatia closer, Manly next for Sharks

Sutherland, the league leader, will entertain Manly this week in what most soccer observers see as the derby of the round. Johnny Watkins is among the winners for the umpteenth season with his side clearly the best in the League at the moment.

Manly, the side which lost its top four place in the closing stages of last year's premiership, wants to do better this year. With a new clubhouse completed and facilities at Cromer Park improving by the day, this club is looking towards a great future.

At Melita Stadium, Raul Blanco's Melita Eagles will welcome Avala. Last year, Melita had problems with Avala, losing at home by a single goal. It shapes as yet another close game, despite Avala's poor showing against Blacktown last Sunday.

Melita is still searching for that goosering touch and while the ever-watchful Melita supporters hope it comes this weekend, I am sure Avala's supporters will hope for the opposite.

Postponed match (Round 2):

**Melita 3
Yugal 0**

Scorers: McKie (21', Farrugia 62', 85').

MELITA EAGLES: A. McPherson, R. McPherson, R. McPherson, Croas, Daley, McGinn, McAusland, Martinez (Duarte 55'), McKie, Jamieson, Allen, Farrugia.

YUGAL: Barry, Rendell, Gogic, McIntosh, Clarke, Turkubekov, Karacav (Pahor 85'), Morsetto (Mihajlovic 73'), Rokondam, Babian, Tanovski.

Robert McPherson charged past Yugal's defenders before crossing to the near post of John McKie to send a superb header past Peter Berry for the first goal in the 21st minute.

Yugal battled for the remainder of the first half and to some extent the beginning of the second, but as soon as Ray Farrugia scored his first and Melita's second goal in the 62nd minute it was all Melita Eagles. John McKie saw an opportunity to slip his pass to an unmarked Ray Farrugia and the rest was easy. Melita's star forward shot wide of Berry to make it 2-0.

Farrugia put away a thunderbolt in the 85th following some neat work by Greg McCoy, late replacement for McKie.

For Melita this was a welcome win in a season which

will see at least six sides vie for the top four positions. Ray Farrugia, firing on all cylinders, was by far the best Melita player, while McCoy and Dennis Duarte, the late replacement, same a close second. For Yugal, Babian (ex-Melita) showed a willingness to take on anyone, managing to et his forwards going on numerous occasions.

Hector Martinez, with his great ball control and distribution might be better suited to a central rather than wing position, but of course with some heavy exercises between now and then.

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AVALA: Ahrens, Lembray, Deller, Barton, Vujinovic, Milne, Housaini, Munic, Burrows, TH (Williams 17'), Karanfilovski (Yousaf 56').

During the first 45 minutes Avala shaded Blacktown Demons and could have easily been one or two goals up, then the whole trend of the game changed, with Blacktown getting its five goals, two coming in the space of one minute close to the end of the match.

Bruce James, Australian reserve keeper, back in the first grade for the first time this season, made a superb save from John Lembray after some 16 minutes to keep Avala at bay. Then came some of the misses by Avala which would cost them dearly in the end.

Agenor Muniz, the ex-Socceroo, floated a free kick to Burrows who managed to get into the clear, then hit the crossbar from close range.

In the 28th minute it was Branko Karanfilovski who eluded the defence but he also managed to sky his shot over the bar from close range.

Paul Kirwan corner in the 55th minute changed the pattern of this match. John Stoddart was at the end of it to head down and Barry Walker

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SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION: Cast-Melville City Vs Southmead ARLINGTON OVAL.
STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: Blacktown Ravens Vs Warringah Numan PEARL PARK.
STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION: Baulkham Hills Vs North Ryde WARRIEWOOD OVAL. Last Cove United Vs Kingsford POTTERY GREEN.

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION: Eastern Creek Vs Haverhill Eagles CARRAVILLE PARK. Concordia Vs Fairfield Kings CARRAVILLE OVAL.
INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION: Chas Sports Vs Chas Sports NORTH RICHMOND OVAL.
INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION: Rouseville Vs Liverpool Rangers TURFMOORE PARK.

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION: Seagraves Vs Seagraves NORTH RICHMOND OVAL.
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SUNDAY

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Some 10 minutes later, Ellis made yet another mistake, allowing Charlie Prgometja to nip in and push the ball over the line after Ellis had dropped the ball close to the goal line.

It was hard going from then on, with Auburn looking the stronger of the sides and with every chance to win. However, just as in the case of Auburn, Manly decided to bring on a substitute and it paid off. Andy Scott came on for van Heiden with some five minutes of the match remaining and with his first touch decided to go for goal. He ran some 30 metres unopposed before pushing a hard low drive wide of Bowman to make it 3-2.

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The game was dominated by both keepers, with Steve Giffin and Peter Berry making some splendid saves, while McIntosh and Gogic for Yugal and Augustino and Alan Beck for Bankstown stopped most of what the other side could throw at them.

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Sutherland almost came unscathed against the home team, full of enthusiasm and keen to come forward. Since the arrival of Roberto Vierl, the side has certainly started to fire.

In fact it was Vierl who provided Joe Arguero with that vital pass in the 63rd minute to create an opening for Monaro's equaliser, after Mark Harrington had put Sutherland ahead only two minutes earlier.

Arguero was on the mark in the 34th minute to give his side the lead. He met a cross from the right to head wide of Haynes and send the small but enthusiastic crowd into a frenzy.

Shortly after half time, Mark Harrington scored the first of his two goals with a neatly-placed header. The ball appeared to strike the hand of Inter Monaro defender, Santolin, before going into the net and in fact the linesman had his flag up for an infringement, but the ball rolled into the net and the referee was on hand to point to the centre.

Last year it was 5-1 to the Sharks in the corresponding fixture, but the draw still keeps their unbeaten record intact, while Kuringai's draw against Croatia cancels the possibility of Croatia taking the lead.

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Names in the news...


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• In a game between Manly and Auburn, replacements made a very solid impact on the match. Grieve scored for Auburn after only 30 seconds on the park, but so did Andy Scott after coming on as a replacement for Manly.


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Lujic, Kafka, Nyskohus set to switch clubs

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg, preparing for its big match against Sydney City on Sunday, was continuing its negotiations for Zdravko Lujic of Footscray J.U.S.T., and Woolongong was bidding for APIA's Zdenko Kafka as we went to Press.

J.U.S.T. also hoped to make a bid for Adelaide City's John Nyskohus, who has been transferred along with Charlie Villani, Chris Manou, central defender Chris Miller and winger Jimmy Wright.

Nyskohus has been transferred because it is believed he does not see eye to eye with coach Bobby Ferguson. Nyskohus joined Adelaide City for the start of the NSL in 1977 and is the club's top scorer with 53 goals. He scored four goals in 44 matches for Australia.

Wright was signed from West Adelaide during the off-season but has played only three games for Adelaide City as a substitute.

Heidelberg was negotiating for a possible swap between Lujic and Jamie Paton. Heidelberg also would pay a cash sum to J.U.S.T.

It is believed Lujic is unsettled at J.U.S.T. He has agreed to terms offered by Heidelberg, which also has signed big striker Scott Patterson from State League club Box Hill.

Woolongong, which meets league leader West Adelaide on Sunday, hopes to have Kafka in its line-up.

The former Yugoslav First Division player was valued by APIA at \$800, but Woolongong coach Willie Wallace believed that price was too high for a 32-year-old.

"I think they will be realistic now and we should secure him during the week," Wallace said at the weekend.

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The Mickey Mouse National League

By Roger Sherack

It was strange I thought as I glanced across the empty parking spots around Lambert Park at around two o'clock last Sunday afternoon. Strange indeed for there was the usual bunch of people around the stadium gates, presumably waiting to enter the ground.

Not until I reached the gates did I see the whole Brisbane City contingent, players, officials, and some couple of hundred of Leichhardt supporters waiting for someone to tell them what to do — and this is no joke, that is exactly what Jim Hermiston and his boys were wondering about.

Who cancelled the game? If it is official, why weren't they informed?

What to do now, sit and wait, for there was no official in site or go back to the Motel and rest for tomorrow's match with Marconi. Then, out of the blue surfaced Tony Labbozetta, the vice-chairman of the national league, accompanied by national coach Les Scheinflug. He was just as surprised as the visiting Brisbane City people about the cancellation.

Lambert Park was in good condition. Apparently the decision to cancel the match had nothing to do with the referee. If it had, I am sure he would have been demoted to refereeing the Under-6's for the next weekend. As it was, we had to drive over to the APIA club in the hope that the host of this match might be able to throw some light on the matter.

Mr Labbozetta got in touch with the League's Secretary and the word was, wait for it... the League has decided to cancel the

matches due to inclement weather and waterlogged ground.

What is this? The National Mickey Mouse League or the best soccer competition in this country?

Maybe both, just to be on the safe side.

What I'd like to know is this?

If the decision to cancel the game was taken at 11.30 am, why on earth did not someone ring the motel and let Brisbane City people know, or is it too much to ask?

The league also called off the Sydney City-Footscray encounter at Sydney Athletic field.

NSL General Manager Stefan Kamaz said:

"We had hoped to make Anzac Day the Cup semi-final day so the position must be re-checked on Tuesday and the two deferred games may be played on Anzac Day."

Sydney athletic field was declared unplayable by Kamaz and match inspector Malcolm Buchanan at 11.30 am in the absence of Newcastle referee Jim Reeves, with one penalty area completely under water.

player at his previous Australian clubs before being brought south by Vest.

And former SA Rothmans Medalist Wally Byrtek can't even get into the team because the Honeyman-Wormley-Heys attack is functioning so well.

Even if it manages to sign Kafka in team, Woolongong won't win this game.

Brisb. City v. Makedonia

Record so far: Makedonia 3 wins, 1 draw, 0 loss, 8-4 goals.

Of all the fixtures this week, Makedonia's statistical advantage is the most convincing.

And Makedonia has a better team than ever now, with George Campbell fitting in mould on the wing, Claude Lucchesi "burning" in attack, and Zarko Odzakovic dominating the midfield. All that's needed now is for Zoran Ilioski to strike form in midfield, and for the defence to tighten up a little.

NSL team of the week

In brackets: total number of appearances in team of the week:

HOSZOWSKI (1) (Canberra)	RUSSELL (2) (SM-Hellas)	YANKOS (2) (Heidelberg)	DAVIDSON (2) (SM-Hellas)
MCKIE (1) (Heidelberg)	MCCULLOCH (1) (Marconi)	ODZAKOV (2) (Makedonia)	AMEY (1) (West Adel)
J. CAMPBELL (1) (Heidelberg)	LOWE (2) (Newcastle)	G. CAMPBELL (1) (Makedonia)	

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1.	(2) West Adelaide Hellas	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	4:1	10
2.	(1) South Melbourne Hellas	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	5	2	9:3	8	
3.	(4) Preston Makedonia	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	5	2	8:4	8
4.	(5) Heidelberg-Alexander	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	1	1	4:2	6
5.	(3) Sydney City Hakoah	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	5	5:5	6
6.	(6) Canberra City	1	1	0	7	2	0	1	1	3	4	10:6	5
7.	(7) Newcastle KB United	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	5	3	7:5	5
8.	(10) Adelaide City Juventus	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	1	1	3	5:6	5
9.	(13) Sydney Olympic	1	0	1	5	2	0	1	1	1	4	6:6	4
10.	(9) Brisbane City	1	0	1	4	5	0	0	1	0	1	5:6	4
11.	(12) APIA-Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	2:3	4
12.	(8) St. George Budapest	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	2:3	4
13.	(11) Marconi-Fairfield	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	4	3:6	4
14.	(14) Woolongong	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	3	4	5:6	3
15.	(16) Brisbane Lions	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	9	4:10	3
16.	(15) Footscray J.U.S.T.	0	0	2	2	8	0	0	1	0	1	2:9	0

*Match in hand

Charlie Yankos leads in best player voting

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Egan) **HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1** (Campbell) at Middle Park. Crowd about 16,000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Davidson (SM), 5. Yankos (H), 4. Russell (SM), 3. McKie (H), 2. Spanos (H), 1. Campbell (H).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Wright, Hogg) **MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 0** at Richlands. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. McCulloch (M), 5. R. Stewart (BL), 4. Wright (BL), 3. Brown (M), 2. Niven (BL), 1. Henderson (M).

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Stone) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1** (Katholos) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 4100. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Hoszowski (C), 5. Bryant (C), 4. Patikas (SO), 3. Raskopoulos (SO), 2. Cole (C), 1. Harbert (SO).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Wormley) **ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 0** at Minsmere Stadium. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Amey (WA), 5. Honeyman (WA), 4. J. O'Shea (St.G), 3. McGachey (WA), 2. Stone (St.G), 1. Sprout (WA).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Lucchesi 2, Campbell) **WOOLONGONG 2** (Cotton, Fleming) at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 4500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Odzakovic (Mak), 5. Campbell (Mak), 4. O'Connor (W), 3. Ward (Mak), 2. Lucchesi (Mak), 1. Preston (W).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Mountford) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1** (Rankin) at International Sports Centre. Crowd 2352. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Lowe (N), 5. Mullan (AC), 4. Jones (N), 3. Cole (AC), 2. Mountford (N), 1. B. Nyskohus (AC).

Leaders:

20. Yankos (H'berg), 15. Odzakovic (Mak), 14. Tokes (BC), 13. Davidson (SM), R. Stewart (BL), 12. Dunleavy (W), 11. Murphy (SM), Hoszowski (Can), Bryant (Can), Perry (BC).

10. Lowe (Newc), McGachey (H'berg), 8. Blair, Crino (SM), 8. Burke (N), Stone (St.G), Dunn (WA), Russell (SM), Henderson, Rizzotto, Budini (Mak), Kosmina (SC).

Top scorers: 4. Egan (SM), 3. Mountford (N), Redmond (Can), Kosmina (SC).

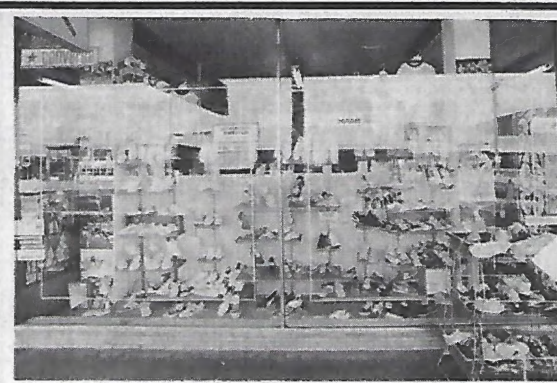
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Tansey breaks an arm

Jim Tansey had his right arm broken in Heidelberg's 4-0 victory over West Adelaide, and Mark Koussas scored with his first kick after coming on as a substitute in Olympic's 3-1 victory over Newcastle in the National Cup quarter-finals on Monday.

Oscar Crino, Doug Brown and Ken Murphy ran riot over Canberra as Hellas won 5-2 but the other match, between Marconi and Brisbane City, was called off despite the protests of referee Doug Rennie.

Rennie maintained that Marconi Stadium's playing pitch was in perfect condition despite the rain, but NSW official Tony Labbozetta called the game off nevertheless.

Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston is fuming, because his league match against APIA at Lambert Park had been called off the previous day. And the Lambert Park pitch also was in good condition.

NSL chairman Sam Papa-savas was most unhappy. "What are we going to do call off the games every time it rains?" he muttered at Middle Park.

SM-Hellas 6 Canberra 2

Scorers: Hellas: Holford 1st, Brown 22nd, Crino 34th & 57th, Blair 62nd, Egan 74th, Canberra: Brennan 64th, Bryant 90th.

Venue: Middle Park. Crowd: about 1000. Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Blair 7, Davidson 7 — Holford 8 (Zen-doom 55th), Crino 8, Murphy 8 — Brown 9, Egan 8, Woodliff 7. **CANBERRA CITY:** Hum-mell 6 — Moutsopoulos 5, T. Byrne 4, (MacLaren 76th), Murray 4, Young 4 — Cole 6, G. Byrne 4, Stone 4, Bryant 7 — Brennan 4, Gibson 4.



South Melbourne Hellas Argentinian-born midfielder maestro Oscar Crino shows off his uncanny skills as he scores with this amazing scissors kick in Hellas' 6-2 cup rout of Canberra. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Olympic 3 Newcastle 1

Scorers: Olympic: Koussas, Paterson, Raskopoulos pen. Newcastle: Lowe.

Venue: Praeger Park. Crowd: 2500.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Maier 7 — Rogers 7, Herbert 8, Dakos 7, Jennings 8 — Paikas 7, Kithalos 6, Raskopoulos 6 — Soper 6, Paterson 7, Phillips 7 (Koussas 8, 53rd).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 6 — Maier 6, Burke 7, Watson 7, H. Treddin-nick 8 — Mason 8, Senkalski 7, Cowburn 5 (Brandt 75th), Buck-ley 6 — Lowe 5, Mountford 5.

West Adel 0 Heidelberg

Scorers: Campbell 36th, 37th & 73rd, Selemidis 58th. Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2150.

Referee: Tony Martell 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HEL-LAS: Spraul 6 — McGregor, McGachey 8, Dunn 5, Aimey 7 — Hiern 6, Brennan 7 (Bojczuk 60th), Atsalas 6 — Honeyman 7, Wornley 6, Heys 6.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXAN-DER: Over 7 — McKie 8, Yankos 7, MacLeod 7, Tansey 7 (inj. sub. Angele 65th) — Se-lemidis 8, Juan Toro 7, Vincent 7, Spanos 7 — Campbell 9, Valen-tine 7.



Doug Brown celebrates his moment of triumph on Monday after scoring against Canberra in the NSL Cup. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Ollerton biots out O'Connor, Cotton

Makedonia 3 Wollongong 2

Scorers: 1-0 Campbell 28th, 2-0 Lucchessi 44th, 3-0 Lucchessi 56th, 3-1 Cotton 65th, Fleming 82nd.

Ground: Connor Reserve. Attendance: 4500.

Referee: E. Venias 5.

CAUTIONS: Otdzakov (Mak.), PRESTON: Wilson 7, McMillan 6, Todorovski 6, Jones 7, Petrovski 6, Liv-ingstone 7, Ilioski 6, Otdzakov 9, Ward 6, Lucchessi 8, Campbell 9.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 8, Willis 6, Dunkley 6, Vinstro 6, Pollard 6, McBrean 6, Flem-ing 6, Gaffney 6, Ainsworth 7, Cotton 6, O'Connor 8.

THE TACTICS: Peter Ollerton believes that if you take Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor out of the Wollongong team, you are left with a very ordinary set of players. With that in mind he stuck to the previous week's defensive combination and allotted the main marking jobs to David Jones and captain George McMillan.

Jones did an effective blotting job on Cotton although the striker scored a goal out of the blue after hardly being sighted for nearly an hour.

McMillan found the task of tagging O'Connor not as easy as the winger's close control and turns made him the Wolves' best player and the only real danger to the Preston goal.

Wollongong played largely a 4-4-2 system using Jim McBrean, back from injury, wide on the right as a third at-tacker when going forward. Jeff Ainsworth, switched through necessity to midfield position, covered a lot of ground and was singled out by coach Willie Wallace as one of his better players but Wollongong were swamped in mid-field where Zarko Otdzakov had another impressive game spraying passes all over the place and again winning the tough clashes in close tackling situations.

Referee Evan Venias amazingly booked the Otdzakov for what was a perfectly fair chase for a 50-50 in which Steve Pollard practically bounced off the Preston mid-fielder who emerged cleanly with the ball.

THE GOALS: It's not often tiny winger George Campbell gets to score with his shot so Preston's opener is bound to stick in his memory for years. Campbell dived full length to connect with Otdzakov's centre to the near post after



Peter Desira

receiving from Ilioski on the right.

Gary Ward, back to his best up front, started the move for the second goal winning the ball back from a Wollongong midfielder on the halfway line. George Campbell ran onto his through ball and fended off a challenge down the left before sending over a cross which was slammed away by Claude Lucchessi.

Lucchessi got his second 11 minutes into the second half latching onto a through ball from David Jones to chip over the advancing Jim Preston.

Roy Cotton started the Wollongong comeback from deep but he was withstood a couple of weak challenges to finish a 40 yard run with an angled shot past Richard Wilson from the right.

Cotton also had a hand in the third goal exchanging passes with Larry Gaffney who laid the ball on for John Fleming to put it away from inside the six yard box.

WHAT THE COACHES SAID: The three points from the game put Preston in second place in the table but Wollongong coach Willie Wall-ace was unimpressed by the Melbourne side.

"If they (Preston) are going to win the league, we won't be far behind them. They're ter-rific at the back. Their back four is shocking and it was murder once we started to take the game to them," said Wallace.

"We had quite a good second half and I thought we deserved a point from the match. We created more chances than they did. We let in a soft third goal — the keeper should have had that. When you leave your line you've got to make sure you get the ball."

Preston coach Peter Ollerton saw the match differently. He admitted that his side almost gave it away in the end but said that overall Preston was the far superior side.

"On chances we should have scored five or six goals but everything went dead after they got their first goal."

I would have liked to win it 3-0 or 4-0 because I think that goal difference will play a part at the end of the season. Still that's a long way off and it's nice to finish up with the points."

Flounders back at Adelaide City?

Newcastle 1 Adel. City 1

Venue: International Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,352.

Scorers: Mountford 44th (M), Rankin 16th (AC).

NEWCASTLE: Gosling 7 — Maier 5, Burke 6, Watson 5, H. Treddinick 7 — Mason 8, Senkalski 7, Cowburn 7 — Lowe 9 (Boogard 76th), Mountford 6, Jones 8. Coach: Ken Kaiser.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 — Shillabeer 6, Cole 8, Ban-field 7, B. Nykohus 8 — Maita 6, Dode 7, Carter 6 (U. Nykohus 60th) — Rankin 5, Maxwell 7, Mullens 9. Coach: Bobby Ferguson.

Neville Flounders may soon be returning to Adelaide City to link up with Neil Banfield. The English pair formed a successful central defensive partnership last year.

Flounders is in England. If the Adelaide City board and coach Bobby Ferguson decide that his services are required urgently he will be flown back here within 10 days.

Adelaide City is being backed by Qantas and has two free air tickets with which to import players from the U.K.

Coach Ferguson hasn't yet finally decided on whether Flounders will use up one of the tickets. The former Scot-tish international goalkeeper has however, decided that his squad lacks quality and depth. He is looking at four possible newcomers. One of them, mid-fielder Rob Campbell from Perth Azurri, is on trial at present.

Adelaide City thought that it had got off to a decent start against Newcastle at the International Sports Centre last Saturday when the ball was cut back from the by-line and Joe Mullens headed in. However, the goal was ruled offside.

"It was a typical eastern states' decision. You get used to that and get on with the game," said Ferguson, after the match.

Adelaide City didn't take long to recover from this set back and scored in the 16th minute. The ball was crossed from the right, Les Carter headed down and Peter Rankin had the simplest of tap ins.

Just before half time David Jones crossed from the left and unmarked Bob Mountford, who should have been picked up by either Banfield or sweeper Phil Cole, headed firmly to level.

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Marconi's Tom McCulloch grimaces as he feels the full force of this sliding tackle from Brisbane Lions' John Stewart. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Youth internationals steal the limelight

Bris. Lions 2 Marconi 0

Scorers: Wright 26th, Hogg 43rd.

Referee: Monteverde 8.

Venue: Richmond. Crowd: About 1000.

Conditions: Storming.

LIONS: Lownds 8, McKim-ming 7, Hunter 8, Marszalek 7, Niven 8, R. Stewart 8, Hogg 7, Ogden 7, J. Stewart 7, Kato 6, (Daunt 76th), Wright 6. **MARCONI:** Maher 6, Degney 7, Henderson 8, Budini 7, Rizzotto 6 (Bozanic 64th), McCulloch 8, Carbone 7, Sarmant 8, Brown 8, Jon-kovics 7, Giannone 6.

Australia's youth inter-nationalists stole the limelight in a tense, exciting match played in storming con-ditions between Lions and Marconi at Richmond Sta-dium.

Lions won 2-0 thanks to goals from young Socceroo Russell Stewart, and former youth international and Soc-ceroo squad member Steve Hogg. But Marconi could not easily have got a point with fine showings from Tom McCulloch and Rodney Brown, initiating a determined second half comeback.

Much of the match was played in a torrential down-pour as a Queensland summer storm broke just after kick-off but neither side seemed affect-ed nor was the ground, and the small crowd which braved the weather was justly rewarded.

Lions showed from the outset they were determined to end their losing run and after only 45 seconds John Ogden got in a good header on goal after a fine Lions' move.

Marconi began equally as effectively and young stopper Allan Hunter saved the home side when he cleared a shot on the line with keeper Lownds stranded off his line.

Stewart, Wright, McCulloch and Brown were easily among the best on the ground and it was Wright who netted to give Lions the lead.

A brilliant ball by John Ogden found John Stewart, the brother of Russell who is play-ing on loan until an appeal against his \$10,000 transfer can be heard. Stewart had his shot blocked by Marconi keeper Allan Maher but the ball rolled towards the touchline where Wright blasted it into the net from what appeared to be an impossible angle.

Ten minutes later McCul-loch, who often dominated the midfield, had a header hit the cross bar. But Lions went two ahead just before halftime when John Stewart headed on a ball to Hogg to rocket it into the top corner of the net.

With a two goal lead at half-time Lions looked in a strong position to win three points. But if they thought the second half was going to be easy Marconi gave them a real shock for the Sydney side applied in-tense pressure on the home team's defence and was un-lucky not to peg at least one



Ricky Rosso

Marconi pushed big Tony Henderson forward more and sprayed the ball more across the park. But its finishing was poor. Too many players hesi-tated in front of goal and sub-sequently lost their chance as the Lions defence pounced on the man in possession.

In fact, that was the tone of the Lions performance all day. They did not play brilliant football but won the match because they did not stop running and tackling. Whenever a Marconi player beat a man there were two more shutting him down again.

And the Lions players were not afraid to desert their position to cover for a team-mate or pick up a loose player. Marconi left it too late to start pulling the Lions' defence wide and chose rather to run at the central defence which only resulted in them losing the ball, having their shot blocked, or occasionally winning a free-kick.

Marconi did break through on two occasions, both times with Mark Jankovics, but the former golden boy of Australian soccer failed to produce his renowned finishing. The first time his shot was blocked by young Allan Hunter, who had a big game, and the second time — with only Lownds to beat — his shot skimmed the outside of the upright.

McCulloch had an opportunity right at the death but al-though he put in a great shot Lownds produced the save of the day to turn it away for a corner.

The win enabled Lions to climb off the bottom of the table and on their performance they are likely to climb even higher. Their style won't win them any football purists as fans but their commitment will get them points.



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Hellas, Heidelberg and State League get set for regionalisation



Bobby Russell (left) rises above Heidelberg's Theo Solemidis (centre) and Don MacLeod to head clear. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Jim Campbell scored Heidelberg's equaliser, but this time he is foiled by Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

Wormley unbeatable in the air

West Adelaide 1
St. George 0

By FRANK PANGALLO

Score: Wormley 43rd.
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Referee: Campbell 8.
WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul 8, McGregor 7, McGachey 8, Dunn 7, Hiern 7, Atsalas 6, Brennan 6, Amey 9, Honeyman 8, Wormley 7, Heys 7.
ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7, Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 8, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 6, Marton 6, Koczka 6, Wilkinson 6 (Wilson, 45th).

West Adelaide's tall striker Paul Wormley proved the major difference between the two sides in an entertaining exhibition despite slippery ground conditions.

Wormley, formerly with Burnley, was a far more effective target than his St. George counterparts Marton, Koczka and Wil-

kinson who all had a torrid time trying to breach West's well disciplined and uncompromising defence.

Even though David Ratcliffe and Martin O'Shea shadowed Wormley's every move up front, the big striker had no peers in the aerial duels.

His supremacy was emphatically demonstrated two minutes before half time when Steve Atsalas and Ian McGregor smartly combined deep on the right for McGregor to cross into the box where Wormley casually picked his mark, while Greedy's flailing arms.

The Saints had one real chance in an absorbing first half. A well-blocked drive rebounded to Marton lurking in the box but his header skidded the crossbar with the goal at his mercy.

Minutes later, Honeyman watched in disbelief as Greedy got his fingers to a header to deny the home side.

St. George coach Frank Arok abandoned his offside game in the second half, pushing Ratcliffe deeper into the middle in an attempt to salvage something.

St. George's all-or-nothing effort, sustained as it was, always threatened to backfire and almost did late in the game when Heys picked up a rebound from a Honeyman shot only to smack the ball over the bar from close range.

In the end it seemed ironic that it took a goal to snap St. George out of its defensive shell. Had the Saints applied all that belated vigor and aggression to their game earlier, the rewards may have been positive.

Campbell 8, Spanos 8 — Lea 7 (inj. sub. Vincent 57th), Valentine 7.

Melbourne — now more than ever — is the headquarters of Australian soccer. The proof extends far beyond the huge attendance at Middle Park for this match.

Everywhere you look, soccer is buzzing in Melbourne and further afield, too, because Morwell Falcons have taken the boom to Gippsland. Alan Evans is at Morwell, along with Bobby McGuinness, Jim MacLean, and Eric Young. Juventus is riding high, boasting Billy Rogers, Andrew Zinni and Fabio Incantolupo; George Cross bought John Stevenson from Hellas and Mick McGorian from Frankston Pines on Saturday. Cedo Cirkovic's Falks, featuring former NLS stars Joe Palinkas and Andy Boziskas, is clearing hurdle after hurdle that gets in its way, as is Box Hill, still undefeated in its first season back in State League. There's more, of course — like the attraction of Janusz Przybyla, Mirek Smolarek, Leszek Dzielakowski and Alex Marshall at Polonia; Tommy Cumming's re-emergence at Croatia; the incredible renaissance of Northcote under Tony Vrzina. Even in the Second Division we see signs of revival at St. Albans, where player-coach Billy Vojtek is putting together a new soccer power and further down the leagues where Greek clubs Caulfield and South Oakleigh are doing big things.

Back in the NSL, Victorian teams hold three of the top four positions after last week's round. Only Footscray JUST has yet to follow the lead set by the rest.

What a wonderful preparation for the new NSL regional leagues next season.

The public support evident at the moment, plus the strong possibility of poker machine legalisation — will make



Laurie Schwab

the NSL's southern region by far the stronger, featuring as it probably will, clubs like Croatia, Morwell-Falcons, Juventus, Ajax . . . we could go on. What a difficult choice it will be, as Falks, Polonia, Northcote and others have fine credentials for inclusion among the elite.

Without detracting in any way from Heidelberg's achievement in almost beating Hellas last Sunday, it must be said that Hellas sparkles as the most brilliant jewel in the crown so proudly worn by Victoria this year.

Many thought coach Rale Rasic was being too extravagant in buying so many expensive players — Bobby Russell, Oscar Crino, Ken Murphy, Doug Brown, John Yzendoorn.

But the aura of excitement those recruits have inspired now makes Hellas the strongest drawcard in Australia. The team's first home game against Olympic — brought in about \$30,000 at the gate. Last Sunday's taking was at least \$70,000 from the record Victorian NSL crowd, estimated between 16,000 and 17,000 people.

Hellas also has collected money from the sale of Gerry Bennett and John Stevenson to George Cross, Alan Evans to Morwell Falcons, George Hannah to Croatia, and a few others. In other words, Rasic's outlay has been recouped at least threefold and, like fellow Victorian clubs, Heidelberg and Makedonia, Hellas remains unbeaten, inspiring more and more Greeks to flock to the club's matches.

understanding with his front runners.

Against St. George, particularly in the first half, Amey always made telling use of the ball, whether looking for Wormley or combining with Honeyman and the tireless Heys.

Wests coach Alan Vest has moulded an extremely cohesive unit. Although the team may not boast "stars", its approach is based on a team game that is going to be difficult to unsettle regardless of the opposition.

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CANBERRA: Hoszowski 9, Young 8, T. Byrne 7, S. Bryant 9, (Moutopoulos 87th), J. Murray 7, Cole 8, G. Byrne 7, Stone 8, MacLaren 7, Gibson 7, Redmond 7.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Jennings 7, Dakos 7, Herbert 8, Rogers 7, Raskopoulos 8, Kotholos 8, Patikas 8, Phillips 7, Soper 8, Patterson 7.
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Cautions: MacLaren (yellow card).

Only desperate defence and scintillating performances from goalie Steve Hoszowski and fullback Steve Bryant enabled Canberra to hang on grimly for a 1-1 draw against Sydney Olympic at the National Sports Centre last Saturday.

Bryant proved the value of quickly shutting down an opponent then attacking aggressively. Olympic opponents didn't like it — in particular Jim Patikas and Marshall Soper. And on a par with Bryant's performance was that of goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski. In the latter stages of the second half only Hoszowski's agility and safe hands kept Olympic at bay.

Peter Windsor

It wasn't until the latter stages of the first half, however, that either side created clear goalscoring chances.

The first was a 20th minute break from a long clearance by Canberra's MacLaren but with a defender in pursuit and only a rapidly advancing Gary Meier to beat, MacLaren pushed the ball too far forward and allowed Meier to dive at his feet and smother the shot.

Sixty seconds later Olympic was in front of Canberra's goal and Soper burst through the defence but put his ground shot wide of the post.

Canberra then hit back and created easily its best goalscoring chance of the half. MacLaren made ground on the right flank and his well-directed cross was headed by midfielder Gary Byrne but the ball whistled just inches over the bar.

The game was really sealed



Hellas star Alan Davidson (centre) breaks away from new Soccerro Mike Valentine (right) of Heidelberg. At left is John Spanos.

Now to the match: Hellas dominated the first half, scoring through Charlie Egan, but when Jim Campbell equalised seconds after half time, Heidelberg took over and hammered Hellas with a series of devastating breakaway attacks.

Mike Valentine and John Spanos were prominent in those breakaways, while other stars were in defence — Ian McKie, Charlie Yankos and Jim Tansey.

In the first half, Tansey and Spanos were Heidelberg's major motivators down the left side, but Hellas offered more — Bobby Russell and Alan Davidson taking turns on the flanks; Oscar Crino, elegant and effective as usual in midfield; Carl Holford doing unselfish covering work all over the ground; Doug Brown bursting through whenever he could to launch shots at goal; Charlie Egan dragging defenders here, there and everywhere, never still for a moment; Ken Murphy perpetual motion in midfield; Steve Blair solid as a rock at the back.

There were two clearances off the goal line in the first half — one at either end. Tansey was there to stop an overhead kick by Brown, and Davidson cleared a shot by Derek Lea which had beaten Peter Laumets.

But there was no stopping Egan who latched onto a dia-

gonal shot across goal from Murphy to put Hellas in front after 27 minutes.

Jim Campbell broke away only seconds after the interval, skirted past Arthur Xanthopoulos and belted it home on angle past Laumets, who was going the wrong way.

There was another goalmouth clearance during Heidelberg's second-half onslaught, this time by Carl Holford who was on the line to stop a header by Don MacLeod.

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Few clubs in Australian soccer can match the amazing success of Victoria's Italian giant, Juventus.

From 1952 to 1956 inclusive, Juventus won every championship as well as the 1952 Armstrong Cup and, as Italy, the 1955 Laidlaw World Cup.

In 1952 and 1954 Juventus did not lose a single game. In 1956, it scored its highest number of goals — 65.

In 1958, Juventus won the first championship of the newly-formed State League.

In 1970, a massive recruiting campaign resulted in Juventus winning the State League championship, the State League Cup and the prestigious Dockerty Cup which it retained in 1971 and 1972 and won once more last year.

Juventus has had countless Victorian representative and quite a few Socceroos, including Jack Reilly, Tommy McColi, Billy Vojtek and Sandy Irvine.

And six of its players have won league best and fairest awards — Mario Busidoni, George Scott, Vojtek, Mick Watkins, Bobby McGuinness and Vince Bannon.

Busidoni and Scott won the old Argus Medal in 1955 and 1965 respectively. The Bill Fleming Medal went to Vojtek in 1975 and to Watkins in 1977. McGuinness won the Rothmans Medal in 1981 and Vince Bannon is the current Rothmans Medal winner.

But Juventus has also had its bad years, including 1978.

After coming third and winning the Dockerty Cup in 1977, Juventus had been expected to do well again, but managed only eighth place.

"Juve" also finished eighth in 1960 and 1961, the seasons dominated by the then powerful Polonia.

There was another bad period in the early seventies when the team came seventh in 1972, tenth in 1973 and ninth in 1974.

Juventus was formed in 1948 by Tony Iannucci, the first president, Reno Fontana, the first secretary, and the late Father Galante of the Order of Carmelites.

Six months after the formation of the club, Olympic cyclist Nino Borsari took over as president and was to become the backbone of Juventus.

In its first season of competition, Juventus won every one of its 10 matches and was promoted to the Second Division.

The team's goal average was 45.5.

One of the great players of this era was captain Reno Carollo who played until the mid-50s.

In the first match, Juventus contested — on April 16, 1949 — Carollo scored four goals in his team's 8-2 victory over Brighton.

Another star of those times — Martini — scored twice and goals from Bon and Bertoldo made a total of eight.

Other players in Juventus' original team included Charlie Musco, Plutino, Lucetti, Francesconi and coach Tieppo.

Juventus' ground at that time was the No. 9 oval at Royal Park.

Subsequent headquarters have been at Elsternwick, the Showgrounds, St Kilda Cricket Ground and of course, Olympic Park.

Juventus' career in top company started after gaining promotion to the First Division in 1951.

One of the super-stars of the fifties was Pepe Cubero, from the Spanish second division.

Playing for J.U.S.T., Cubero tied with Bob Wemyss of Polonia for the 1956 Argus Medal before transferring to Juventus in 1957 and starring for the next two seasons.

Of course, there was also Busidoni who had played for Turin and Pro Patria in Italy, and prolific goalscorer Bill Copeland who later bobbed up at many other clubs.

Other stars of that era included Sergio Bassi from Grion Pola and Pro Patria, Enzo Costa, Steve Camilleri who later moved to George Cross, Vida Kassai from Hungarian team Pecs and full back Giuseppe Sabidussi, father of present players Bruno and Carlo Sabidussi.

Like Cubero, Peter Vidovic served both J.U.S.T. and Juventus. He came to Juventus in 1949 from Italian club Fiume, switched to J.U.S.T. in 1950 and later captained J.U.S.T. and Victoria.

Other Juventus players in the State team in the 50s included Ernes Boz, Pepi Plateto, Max Vivoli, Kassai, Sabidussi and Beghini.

The outstanding newcomer of 1958 was that exciting forward Frank Barbazza who came up through Juventus junior teams.

He made his senior debut at 17 and became the idol of the Juve fans until switching in 1968 to J.U.S.T. where a broken leg ended his career.

In the early sixties Rocky Frangioni was a man mountain in Juventus defence. He and Remo Guardiani and Reg Griggs were selected to the State team.

Englishman Geoff Tumblyn was another star, finishing second to Fred Falzon of George Cross in the 1961 Argus Medal count.

George Scott, the man who gave Juventus its second Argus Medal, arrived from Toronto in 1963, and had previously played for Notts County in England.

He was unlucky not to win a second Medal, as he was a close runner-up to Frank Micic of J.U.S.T.

After a run of ordinary seasons, Juventus finished second to Melbourne in 1967.

The man, who master-minded that success was Mario Corti, who joined Juventus as player-coach after

serving as captain of Catania, star of Sampdoria and an international in the Italian B team.

Well-known Dino De Marchi and Dario Epifano, who are both with Fawkner now, were among the forwards of Juventus that season. In goal was Dieter Voigt who conceded only 21 goals.

After the 1967 season, Juventus lost Terry Luckhurst, George Scott, Frasco Torcque, John Bell and John Milton.

Although the arrival of Socceroo Tommy McColi compensated partly for the losses, Juventus managed to finish only ninth in 1968, the year Croatia won the championship.

Then came a determined bid to regain power.

Twelve players were imported. Including goalkeeper Jack Reilly who played for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals and is now with Hellas, and George Kinnell who had been with Aberdeen, Oldham, Stoke, Middlesbrough and Sunderland.

Other imports of 1969 included Bernie Docherty (Notts Country), Ron Frost (Bangor City), Sandy Irvine from London, Keith Lakey (Stockton), John Pryde, (South Africa), Bobby Robertson (Keith City), Gareth Sellebury (Bangor City), Bryan Thomson (Aberdeen), Bill Murray (Glasgow Rangers) Alistair Sandison (Woodside, England) and Keith Webster who is now with Frankston.

Juventus thus won the 1969 State League Cup and finished second in the league.

The following season, former Liverpool and Patrick Thistle defender Bobby Thomson transferred from Ringwood Wilhelmina and Tony Boggi became coach.

With all that talent, Juventus had to succeed and succeed it did, winning the championship, Dockerty Cup and State League Cup.

Many of the stars left the following year, but Juventus still managed to win two more Dockerty Cups before experiencing its worst period on record.

In 1974, to reverse its slide, Juventus bought Billy Vojtek from Sydney Croatia and Ian Marshall and David Gorrie from Hellas. This resulted in Juve finishing fifth in 1975 but the slide continued the following year when Juventus found itself in 10th position.

In 1977, under president Paul Mirabella and coach Bobby McLachlan, Juventus recruited well to achieve its greatest success since 1970.

Players to join the club were Steve Walker and Jim Armstrong from Hellas, Charlie Smith from J.U.S.T., Mick Watkins and Ged Bannon from South Africa, Hugh Graham and John Holton from Scotland and Tony Mainenti from Fawkner.

The following year, 1978, Juventus lost Fausto Tarquinio, Morris Bonfieni, Mainenti, Ged Bannon and Dino De Marchi and coach McLachlan was sacked half way through the season. David Gorrie became player-coach but Juventus was set to incur a series of coaching upheavals over the next few years involving such illustrious names as Manny Poulakakis, Frank Munro and Tony Boggi.

Juventus hit rock bottom in 1981 when it finished second last in State League. It looked like the beginning of the end for the Italian giant but the VSF restructured the leagues, increasing them from 12 to 14 teams. Juve's State League status was kept intact.

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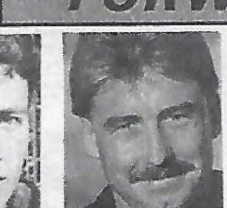
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Juventus, 1971: from left, standing: Irvine, Harby, Dunne, Goodwin, Frost. Front: Bonfieni, Webster, Della Rocca, Smart, DeMarchi.

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Victorian giant Juventus will strengthen its Italian identity under the leadership of president Sam Manenti.

"I want to strengthen our ties with the old country. One of the functions of Juventus soccer club is to maintain the cultural identity of the Italian Commu-

ity," said Manenti, a second generation Italian, whose parents came to Australia from Sicily over 30 years ago.

"I can remember the old days at Juventus when the club was a meeting place for thousands of Italian migrants. At Juventus games these migrants found work, a place to live and formed important friendships. Now, we need the support of second and third generation Italians. We have to show a bit of national pride."

That was the message Manenti received from Bernie Santamaria, elected president of Juventus at the end-of-season annual general meeting in 1981. Manenti immediately responded and joined the Juventus committee. He became president last year, for a three year term, and is determined to revitalise the club and get it on a sound financial footing, in anticipation of competing in the southern section of a regionalised national competition in 1984.

Manenti, 40, was educated at St Joseph's College, North Melbourne. He is a highly successful businessman, dividing his time between his managing directorship of Summerhill Crash Repairs (Preston) Pty Ltd and overseeing his thriving importing and exporting business, Manenti Corporation. Already he has made his mark in the administrative structure of Juventus, forming a men's social committee, a women's social committee and

strengthening the junior committee.

Club Juventus though, stands out as a major Manenti achievement. Its membership consists of the younger Juventus supporters in an effort to "end the generation gap."

"These kids run discos and are part of the cheer squad. They were out in force for our State League game against Croydon a fortnight ago and the atmosphere was fantastic. There were over a 100 black and white flags, trumpets and banners urging on our boys. It really was a great sight. From Club Juventus we may find future administrators, who knows?"

Umberto Agnelli, who owns the mighty Juventus of Turin, came to Melbourne last year and met Manenti. The pair talked about closer links between their clubs. Agnelli was receptive to Manenti's suggestion that the Turin club send out young players to Melbourne. Manenti also arranged to send promising local boys to Turin to participate in a training camp. Agnelli now is an honorary member of Melbourne Juventus.

Manenti realises that his club must get a permanent home base, preferably in the Brunswick area, rather than continue to lease Olympic Park's No.2 oval.

"It's time that the Brunswick council made a decision. They've been talking for a while now about giving us a

home in their area but nothing has been made official yet. We can't keep telling our members to wait. The council must act and act soon. Juventus must establish a home to embark on a campaign to get into the national competition. Our future certainly isn't at Olympic Park. We must find our own ground as soon as possible."

Juventus striker Graham French was set to join Melbourne Croatia in the off-season until Manenti intervened.

"I fought hard to keep French at Juventus. I refused to put him on the transfer list because I've got confidence in his ability to do a great job for our club. I expect him to repay that confidence this season."

"Our coach John Margaritis is doing a fine job with our boys. I was a bit wary at first when John was appointed but now I can see that we made an excellent decision. He really knows the game inside out and he encourages exciting, attacking soccer which is great for our spectators. You know, when we played Sunshine-George Cross in the first league game this season, I counted 29 shots we had at goal."

"That's what soccer is all about. At Juventus we have to entertain our supporters. It's not just about winning championships. It's also about watching players with Italian names shooting at goal."



Juventus president Sam Manenti

Sponsor deal a first for league

Juventus has secured 14 individual player sponsorships, to the tune of \$3,000 each, for the 1983 season. No other State League club can boast such a feat.

Juventus also has 100 gold pass members who pay \$250 annually for a club tie, badge and use of the VIP facilities at Olympic Park.

The companies which sponsor Juve's senior players are: Alcan Australia; Selected Lock and Hardware Pty Ltd.; Prima Office Furniture; Summerhill Crash Repairs (Preston) Pty Ltd.; Alitalia; Seuder Superstyle Furniture; Verduci Imports; Costanzo Imports; J. A. Fox; Aquila Shoes; F. M. Construction Pty Ltd.; Signorino Ceramics.

STARS OF THE PAST



LEFT: Juventus 1966 — Back row — L. Spadaro (team manager), Griggs, Hobson, coach, Gentry, Patterson, Donlevy, Scott, the late Lou Lazzari (masseur); front row — Higgins, Millar, Kenny, Biasol, Barbazza. BELOW: Some of the Juventus "Old Boys" during a game they played in 1974 for Italian Week. From left: Rino Guardiani, Mario Lucetti, Candido Tieppo, Rino Viti, Pino Magnavacca, Rino Carollo, Giuseppe Sabidussi, Joe Frangioni, Giuseppe Platco, Enzo Bottari, Arno Gonano. The flag is held by young Riccardo Bottari.



Alex Fantoma



Harry Hird



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Kevin Swinscoe



Ged Bannon



Graham French



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JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 — V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 7, Drinockzy 6, Hird 8 — Lloyd 7 (Nelson 81st), Rogers 7, Swinscoe 7 — Zinni 7 (Henry 45th, 51), French 5, Incantalupo 6. **Coach:** John Margaritis.

The battle of Jukes Road, for the first Melbourne Italian State League derby in 15 years, had one clear winner at the end of the most gruelling, gutsy game seen for a long time: the sport of soccer.

At least 3,500 spectators watched the encounter in the best possible tradition of sportsmanship, this proving unfounded the fears of officials who were prepared for clashes and brawls among the opposing factions which often have been at each other's throats in the traditional end-of-season encounters in the Italian Cup.

Fawkner set out to salvage a draw at all costs and achieved that with the most defensive display in memory, helped by the short ground that made it impossible for Juventus to manoeuvre.

The determination and pressure game of the home team made a shambles of Juventus' usually orderly build-ups and the game degenerated into a wild-kicking, wild-bouncing affair.

Fawkner was without injured Rajko Curcija and Les Gooney, and suspended Carlo and Bruno Sabidussi, but one wonders if these regulars could have done any better than the 11 gladiators fielded on the day.

Juventus felt the loss of Andrew Zinni and

the poor display of his substitute, Tony Heery, who often was swept aside by the strong men in the Fawkner defence.

A more suitable player for the occasion would have been tougher Jim Nelson who shoots and disposes of the ball very quickly, before the opposition pounces on him. Unfortunately, he was only given a nine minute run by coach John Margaritis, when sent in for overworked Kevin Lloyd. Nelson's entry into the hostilities coincided with Juventus' best attacking effort.

In the 55th minute Heery hit the foot of the post, two minutes later unmarked Graham French shot over the bar from a central position only 10 metres out and Rob Tertzini did well in lifting over the bar an Incantalupo thunderbolt in the 89th minute.

Previously, in the 40th minute, Fawkner was lucky to survive a dangerous scramble on the goal line after a corner-kick and much more so in the 20th minute when Kevin Swinscoe hit the belly of the cross bar and the ball bounced on the goal-line before being cleared with difficulty.

Fawkner had one solitary chance, in the 4th minute, when Joe Palinkas hit the cross-bar with an apparently innocuous lob.

If anything, Juventus was let down by its defence, which took too long in sending the ball upfield, thus giving Fawkner the time to mass 10 men in defence to control six Juventus players or to put paid to any chance by quickly applying the off-side trap. Left back Harry Hird was the only exception, and consistently built up play on top of neutralising Fawkner's most dangerous, if sporadic, attacks by Palinkas who was well supported by Andy Boziskas. For his classy, untiring display, Hird earned my vote as best on the field, closely followed by Tuffield and Schipano.

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Ajax	1	2	0	5	2	4
Polonia	1	1	1	3	4	3
Croydon	1	0	2	4	5	2
Doveton	0	2	1	4	5	2
Fawkner	0	2	1	2	3	2
Hellas	0	1	2	4	7	1
S. Geo. Cross	0	1	2	1	5	1
Wilhelmina	0	1	2	3	8	1
Albion R.	0	1	2	0	6	1

Gardiner's career at an abrupt end?

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Antolovic 10th, Cumming 54th, 68th, Latif 76th) at Jubilee Park.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Jansen 5 — Vardas 5, Brooks 6, Pena 6, J. Cronanwald 5 — Cork 6, Gibson 6, Burton 5 — White 5 (Tront 70th), van Leeuwen 4, Stewart 5. **Coach:** Mike de Bruyckere.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 8, Parton 8, Adams 8, Hannah 8 — Blakic 8, Antolovic 8, Faulkner 8, Golevic 8 — Latif 8, Cumming 8. **Coach:** John Gardiner.

Green Gully Ajax is prepared to drop its asking price of \$4000 for talented sweeper John Gardiner — to \$3000 provided Gardiner joins a team no higher than Second Division in the Metro Leagues!

Second Division club Waverley and Fourth Division club Moorabbin are keen to secure Gardiner's services and this season probably will be his last as a player. First Division club Bell Park also wants to sign Gardiner.

The man who represented Victoria with such distinction and played a crucial part in Ajax's championship wins in 1981 and 1982 now finds himself sidelined and with the June 30 transfer deadline drawing closer, Gardiner may be forced by Ajax's stance to prematurely hang up his boots. That would be a sad end to a marvellous career and a slur on the outstanding club in the recent history of Victorian soccer.

Meanwhile, Gardiner's return to the coaching helm at Melbourne Croatia continues to pay dividends, this time at the expense of Ringwood Wilhelmina at Jubilee Park on Sunday.

With just 10 minutes gone Jozo Antolovic pounced on a poor attempt by Rick Jansen to punch clear and hammered the ball home from an angle about eight metres out.

Antolovic set up Croatia's second goal in the 54th minute when he won possession then slipped a through ball to Tommy Cumming who rounded Jansen and tucked the ball away.

Croatia went further ahead in the 68th minute after the ball was worked up the left and crossed to Antolovic who headed expertly over the crossbar from about 10 metres out.

George Hannah, playing his first full game for Croatia since transferring from South Melbourne Hellas two weeks ago, played the ball through to Ossie Latif who chested down the ball expertly sidestepped past the helpless Jansen to make it 4-0.

Former Croatia, Croydon, Mooroolbark and Victorian State team midfielder Joe Tront surprisingly started the match on the bench. He finally came on in the 70th minute and two minutes later figured in Wilhelmina's best scoring chance but his header was well tipped wide by Croatia goalie Peter Blasby.

Tachiris in a tangle, Cumming to strike

"Rocky" Tachiris, the Sunshine-George Cross goalie supposedly transferred to Northcote a few weeks ago for \$2000 is almost certain to return to the combine this week.

Tachiris joined Sunshine-George Cross last year from Northcote and was one of the combine's most consistent performers. He reportedly was unhappy with coach Tony Vellas, since replaced by Scottish import Tommy Traynor, and was set to join South Melbourne Hellas until the combine's asking price of about \$3,500 proved prohibitive. Tachiris then settled on Northcote. The Northerners have paid the combine \$1000 already, with another \$1000 outstanding but the snag is that Tachiris has changed his mind and wants to return to Chaplin Reserve, where he will be welcomed with open arms.

"The VSF tells us that Tachiris' transfer to Northcote didn't go through so he can return to us without too much trouble. Of course, we'll have to give back Northcote its \$1000," said combined president Alf Zahra.

Tachiris may find himself rushed into the combine lineup which faces Fawkner on Sunday at Chaplin Reserve. John Stevenson, bought from South Melbourne Hellas for \$5000 last week also is almost certain to play against Fawkner.

If fancy the combine to break its "duck" and win its first game of the league season here.

Ringwood Wilhelmina already is struggling and won't

get any joy out of its home game against Green Gully Ajax. Dutch sponsored Wilhelmina needs at least four top class players to do well in State League. The delayed installation of a new committee isn't helping Wilhelmina and the sooner this matter is resolved one way or the other, the sooner coach Mike de Bruyckere and his players can settle down to confronting the season of struggle ahead.

Northcote has started its league campaign with a bang but will come back down to earth on Sunday when it tangles with Melbourne Croatia. Tommy Cumming is hitting the goal trail and gets a chance here to add to his recent scoring record.

South Melbourne Hellas will be trying to become the first team to score against Juventus this league season when it travels to Olympic Park to take on John Margaritis' third placed outfit. I don't fancy Hellas' chances.

Surely Morwell Falcons can record their first home win of 1983 at Doveton's expense on Saturday.

Albion Rovers could surprise Croydon at Selwyn Park and hold out for a draw. Rovers contained Ajax for 45 minutes on Sunday and should Croydon get carried away with going forward it will find Kenny Smart and Micky

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D'Sylva a dangerous duo on the break.

Alex Marshall could hold the key to the outcome of the Box Hill v. Polonia clash at Wembley Park on Sunday. The giant Polonia striker gave a shoddy display on the weekend against Northcote but the big man can restore some lost prestige here. I'm tipping a draw here even though Box Hill should go into the clash as favorite after its fine start to the season.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

Saturday
MORWELL FALCONS v. Doveton at North Crinigan Reserve, 2.45 pm.

Albion Rovers v. Croydon (draw) at Selwyn Park, 2.45 pm.

Sunday
Ringwood Wilhelmina v. G. G. AJAX at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.

Northcote v. CROATIA at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

JUVENTUS v. S. M. Hellas at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v. Fawkner at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Box Hill v. Polonia (draw) at Wembley Park, 3 pm.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Bozinovski 18th) MORWELL FALCONS 3 McGuinness 9th & 75th, and O'Callaghan 55th) at Middle Park.

SM HELLAS: Parrow 6, Post-kooglou 6, Kahanen 7, Kallipidis 6, Vardas 1 (sub. H.T. Kanellopoulis), Abraham 6, Bozinovski 7, Kaiser 5, Elton 6, Van Egmond 6, Kalam-bouka 6. **Coach:** Jim Armstrong.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 6, Train 6, Irvine 7, Dardy 6, Smart 6, Young 6, McQuinn 6, Evans 7, Mitten 6, McGuinness 7, T. Van Baar 6. **Coach:** Tony Boggi.

Morwell Falcons (or should that read Melbourne Wanderers?), eventually won this game by a handsome margin, but only after a woe-filled first-half display that reduced coach Tony Boggi to near-apoplexy.

It was a different matter in the second half, though, as the experience and skill of Eric Young, Alan Evans and Sandy Irvine became too much for the Hellas youngsters.

To be fair, Falcons started off with a handicap as Jim McLean was unavailable through suspension and captain John Higham declared himself unfit after the pre-match warm-up.

But they were soon in front, when, after only nine minutes, Tony Van Baar pounced on a

poor clearance and squared to Evans, whose hard shot was parried by Mark Perree, and Bobby McGuinness was on hand to pick up the crumbs.

Hellas undeservedly equalised nine minutes later, when Vlado Bozinovski climbed all over Billy Whiteside to head home a corner. Whiteside protested vigorously, and rightly, but referee Bernie Upjohn, who had an unhappy afternoon, was unmoved, as well as unsighted.

Hellas brought on John Kanellopoulis and Peter Vardas at half-time, with Tom Kaiser switching, to left-back, and after John O'Callaghan had restored Falcons' lead, Kai-

ser's inexperience in setting the offside trap, which up to then had been Hellas' main weapon, left McGuinness all alone to pick up Evans' shrewd through ball and beat Perree with ease.

That was all the football, but there was plenty of other fun. John Blanton accidentally was kicked in the groin, and referee Upjohn, who had been busily engaged in debating the finer points of the game with Noel Mitten, seemed content to let the Hellas player crawl on his hands and knees to the touchline for attention, until Tony Boggi took pity on him, and dragged him off.

Meanwhile, an enraged Jim Armstrong, steaming across the ground to his player's aid, had come into direct confrontation with the ref, who, finding himself getting nowhere with Jim, tried to enlist the arm of the law.

Eventually, two bored constables strolled up, hands in pockets, and contented themselves with observing the farce from close range. It was all too absurd for words.

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Ringwood Wilhelmina v. Melton Croatia: 3 — Curcio (MC); 2 — Antolovic (MC); 1 — Cumming (MC).

Croydon v. Sunshine-George Cross: 3 — Hobson (C); 2 — Taylor (SGC); 1 — Wade (C).

Doveton v. Box Hill: 3 — Brownlie (BH); 2 — Keogh (D); 1 — Miranda (BH).

Green Gully Ajax v. Albion Rovers: 3 — Denys (GCA); 2 — Paul Lewis (GCA); 1 — Peter Lewis (GCA).

Polonia v. Northcote: 3 — Moore (N); 2 — Mila (P); 1 — Petrov (P).

South Melbourne Hellas v. Morwell Falcons: 3 — Kalifaidis (SMH); 2 — Young (MF); 1 — Irvine (MF).

Fawkner v. Juventus: 3 — Hird (J)-2 — Tuffield (F); 1 — Schipano (F).

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Stevenson to
Sun-G. CrossCROYDON 3 (Weds 37th,
Nolan penalty 53rd, McCombe
85th). SUNSHINE-GEORGE
CROSS 1 (Gilder 2nd) at
Croydon Park.CROYDON: Kattner 7 — Rainey
7, Dobson 8, McCombe 7, Hobson
8 — Brown 8, Rooney 7, Wade 8,
Nolan 7. Coach: Bill McArthur.
SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:
Contini 6 — Bennett 8, Richardson
6, Scerri 6, Taylor 8 — Bain 5,
Campbell 5 (McNally 72nd), Rigby 5,
McKinnley 8, Gilder 7, Pate 5.
Coach: Tommy Traynor.Sunshine-George Cross has
signed midfielder John Steven-
son from South Melbourne
Hellas for \$5000 and probably
will rush him into the side for
this weekend's clash with Faw-
cner.The combine got off to a
dream start against Croydon
when former Slavia, Croatia
and Victorian state team stri-
ker Carl Gilder scored after
just 90 seconds.Croydon levelled in the 37th
minute after combine goal
Alan Contini came off his line
then hesitated. Paul Wade rose
high to head Gary Hobson's
floated free kick over the
stranded Contini and into goal.Eight minutes into the
second half Croydon hit the
front when Gerry Bennett's
bad back pass was pounced on
by Wade who fired down
down as he tried to round Con-
tini. Terry Nolan converted
from the penalty spot.Steve McCombe completed
the scoreline with five minutes
left. Peter Loughane took a
free kick on the right and
found the incoming McCombe
whose cracking header from
15 metres went into goal de-
spite Contini's ability to get a
hand to the ball."We need better players and
we'll get them. Apart from
signing Stevenson we have
come to terms with Mick
McGorian from Frankston
Pines. All that remains is for
us to pay Pines the 4000 asking
fee and for McGorian's sus-
pension from last year to be up
and he'll be in our side," said
combine president Alf Zahra.South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Vlado Bozinovski climbs all over
Falcons' goalie Bill Whiteside to score Hellas' only goal on Sunday.
Picture by LES SHORROCK.In-form Northcote
farewells GormanPOLONIA 0 NORTHCOTE 2 (Sahinidis 34th, 53rd) at
Raleigh Reserve.POLONIA: Lukac 6 — Upiarski 6,
Mile 6, McCuskey 6, Smolark 7 —
P. Czaplinski 6 (G. Czaplinski 55th), A.
Czaplinski 6, G. Pucy 8 — Lalic 4,
Marshall 4, Przybylo 6. Coach: Mike
Lynn.
NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 6 —
Wilson 8, Boskic 7 (Inj. Nisbet
67th), Croxey 8, Katsakidis 6 —
Moore 8, Oulley 7, Wright 7 —
Sahinidis 7, Constantinou 6, Culina
7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.Northcote import, defend-
er Jeff Gorman, flew back to
Northern Ireland last
Sunday morning for family
reasons and his future with
the John Cain Reserve outfit
is uncertain.The Northerners still are
after a top class striker. They
spoke to transfer listed Mor-well Falcons forward Richie
McClunich but the tall striker has
almost certain to finally sign
with Melbourne Croatia this
week.A high ranking VSF official
recommended Frankston City
striker Pat O'Connor to North-
cote manager-coach Tony
Vrzina who declined the offer.
Even without a recognised
target man, Vrzina's outfit
surprised home side Polonia
on Sunday and recorded an im-
portant 2-0 win. Former Hei-
delberg winger Jim Sahinidis
scored both goals as Northcote
hit Polonia hard on the break.Polonia coach Mike Lynn
must still be scratching his
head in disbelief at the sight of
his sweeper, Stefan Mila,taking a corner in the 34th
minute. The ball was cleared
downfield giving Northcote a
two-on-two situation up front
and Sahinidis toe poked the
ball under the body of advan-
cing Polonia goalie Mike
Lukac to give the Northerners
the lead.Mila however, was one of
Polonia's best, especially after
being pushed up front in place
of out of form Alex Marshall
who was taken off along with
Peter Czaplinski in a double sub-
stitution in the 55th minute.Coach Lynn was prompted
to make these changes after
Sahinidis had increased North-
cote's lead in the 53rd minute.
Branko Culina won the ball
well inside his defensive half.
He played it short to Colin
Quigley who switched play
from the left to the right and
found Sammy Wright out wide.
The former Hellas midfielder
curled a delightfully judged
pass into the path of Sahinidis
who smacked the ball in be-
tween Lukac and the near
post from an acute angle.Ajax's threatened goal avan-
che never materialised
through as its players lost
their discipline in the last 20
minutes. Twice, Albion almost
hit back on the break. Ajax
coach Len McKendry was dis-
appointed with his side's per-
formance and expressed his
feelings to his players at the
end of the match.McKenna jets
in tomorrow

DOVETON 0 BOX HILL 0 at Waratah Reserve

DOVETON: Keogh 8 — Thorlow
7, Corke 7, Merrick 7, Miller 6 —
Cridge 6, Dowle 6, Watershouse 6
— Webster 6, Shilton 6, M. Lennon
6. Coach: Ernie Merrick.
BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — I.
Roodhouse 6, Lawler 8, Broadbent 6,
K. Patterson 7 (best off 76th) —
Hughes 8, Miranda 6, Ramos 8 —
Verachke 8, Taylor 7, Keenan 7 (A.
Roodhouse 70th). Coach: Bill Mu-
rray.Scottish striker Alan
McKenna arrives tomorrow
(Thursday) to join Box Hill.
The 21 year old has five
Scottish youth caps and has
played with Milwall and
Berwick Rangers.Scott Patterson still hasn't
been transferred to Heidelberg
but the deal should be finalised
this week. Box Hill wants \$7000
for the talented youngster
while Heidelberg to date has
offered just \$3000.Doveton signed midfielder
Bill Buchanan from Frankston
City on Sunday night, after its
disposal performances against
Box Hill at Waratah Reserve.
It's likely that coach Ernie
Merrick will use Buchanan in
midfield alongside John Dowle
and Mike McIvor, once the
latter strikes form. McIvor
was dropped for this match
against the Hillmen.And Glasgow Rangers striker
Graham Watson should
arrive here within a fortnight
to play with the Doves. Once
McIvor's permanent residency
comes through Watson will be
brought out.Box Hill dominated long
periods of play on Sunday but
couldn't score. Sean Keogh
made a superb first half save
when he tipped Don Lawler's
header onto the post. Brian
Keenan also had a great
chance but headed wide.Box Hill left back, Kyle Pat-
terson, was booked for hand-
ling the ball in the first half. A
shirt pulling offence in the
second stanza earned him a
sending off.
Box Hill coach Bill Murray
replaced Keenan with Alan
Roodhouse but the 10 Hillmen
kept going forward and had
two great chances to wrap up
the match in the last 12 min-
utes. Ian Roodhouse made a
great run through but shot
over and Richard Miranda
shot wide.Rob McLachlan, the former
Victorian youth team repre-
sentative, is expected to join
Box Hill this week from Green
Gully Ajax.Salvatore gets 3
in four minutesVittorio Salvatore, the
teenage goal scoring sensa-
tion from Provisional
First Division outfit Bulle-
on Veneto, scored a stun-
ning hat-trick inside just
four minutes on Saturday,
to enhance his already
rapidly growing reputation
as one of the outstanding
striking prospects in Vic-
torian soccer.Salvatore, 19, came to Aus-
tralia from Rome as a 16 year
old. His parents work at the
Italian consulate in Mel-
bourne. Salvatore actually is a
temporary visa player due to
the diplomatic passports of his
parents. The VSF however,
ruled that the youngster can
play in the lower leagues even
though his passport forbids
him from becoming a perma-
nent resident.Salvatore's parents will stay
in Australia for another two
years and the VSF was loath
to stop the youngster from
playing here for a total of five
years.METROPOLITAN
DIVISION ONEKEW CITY 1 (Campbell
85th) WERRIBEE 0 at
Stradbroke Park, Kaw.KEW CITY: Green 8 — Thomp-
son 7, Train 8, Smale 8, Wilkinson 7 —
Parsons 6, Droudie 6, McEl-
hinney 8, Gary Keenan 7 (Har-
graves 80th) — Campbell 6,
George Keenan 8.WERRIBEE: Dixon 9 — Ap-
pleyard 6, Beardon 7, Crozier 8,
Piazza 7 — Waters 7, Caldwell 6,
Gipin 6, Halla 7 — Stoglia 7,
Caldwell 6.Superb goalkeeping at both
ends of the park was a feature
of this entertaining clash at
Kew.The match highlight was a
stunning reflex save from
Werribee goalie Dixon in the
65th minute. Kew's Gary
Keenan broke down the right
and sent in a low cross which
was miskicked by Crozier as
the Werribee defender tried to
clear. Somehow Dixon flung
himself up and across and got
a hand to the ball which was
heading for the top corner of
goal.Kew had two great first half
chances but Dixon was impos-

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN
DIVISION ONE
Saturday: FRANKSTON PRIDE v Kew City;
Western Suburbs v Doncaster Rovers (dov);
MELBOURNE v Geelong (dov); BELL PARK v
Kew City.
Sunday: RICHMOND v Moorabool; Werribee v
ALTONA CITY.DIVISION TWO
Saturday: SPRINGVALE CITY v Preston Helles;
NORTH DANDENONG v Preston Slavia;
NUNAWADG CITY v Kallbar, Australia; ST
ALBANS v Footscray JUST; Waverley City v
Ruswood Hill (dov); THORNTON v
Archer; HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER v Dandenong City.DIVISION THREE
Saturday: PORT MELBOURNE v Marriagins;
SANDRINGHAM CITY v Preston Slavia;
MILWAUKEE v Yallourn (dov); SOUTHERN
SOUTH (dov); CAULFIELD v (dov);
COBURG v Brighton; Royal Richmond v Heidelberg
Rangers (dov).DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: MORRISBURY v Caris; FERNETREE
GULLY v (dov); RANGERS v MORRISBURY;
Kewdale; Ranges v Hawthorn (dov); ROSE-
BUD v Emerald Trailways; SEELING v Kariapit;
NORTH SEELING v Emeraldvale.PROVINCIAL
DIVISION ONE
Saturday: MORRISBURY v East Brunswick
(dov); SEELING v City v LAUNCESTON;
WARRIL v Milton; Heidelberg v CLIFTON HILL.YARRAVILLE v Caris; BALLARAT v Cloncy;
BULLEON v Cloncy.DIVISION TWO
Saturday: MORRISBURY v West Brun-
swick (dov); MELBOURNE CITY v Kew; Royal v
Cranbourne (dov); South Dandenong v BORENIA;
South Yarra v ANDSFORD TASSA; CENTRAL
UTD v Rumburg; UTD v HOLLAND PARK v Berwick
City.DIVISION THREE
Saturday: PAGES VALLEY v Baller City; West
Melbourne v ALTONA UTD; Millican v
Charlton (dov); SPRINGVALE UTD v MIA
UTD; HANFORD WARRICKERS v Utd; v MIA
UTD; WEST SEELING v Cloncy-Kariapit;
BRUNSWICK CITY v Division.DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: PAGES VALLEY v Baller City; West
Melbourne v ALTONA UTD; Millican v
Charlton (dov); SPRINGVALE UTD v MIA
UTD; HANFORD WARRICKERS v Utd; v MIA
UTD; WEST SEELING v Cloncy-Kariapit;
BRUNSWICK CITY v Division.DIVISION FIVE
Saturday: NORTH SUNSHINE v Moorabool;
Rangers; PANDORRA v Moorabool; Port Utd v Mar-
riagins (dov); SEAFORD v Macleod Utd; LYN-
DALE Utd v Seeling; Ranges Utd v SEELING
UTD; DIAMOND VALLEY v East Carlton.DIVISION SIX
Saturday: Melbourne Utd v Epping Thistle
(dov); HWA Utd v ENDLEIGH HILLS; Vermont
v PORT INSTITUTE; WESTAL v Cloncy;
HWA v BAWBAY CITY; BAWBAY CITY; BAWBAY
MACCARI HANDEAN; ASCOT Utd v Sandhurst.DIVISION SEVEN
Saturday: TRAIL v Philip Utd; ST Branda v
SOUTHERN CROSS; Waverley v LAUNCESTON
UTD; Ascot Valley v Melbourne (dov); WEST
UTD v Kariapit; South Springvale; WEST
UTD v Meadow Park; Cloncy v SOUTH PARK
MARE.

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sable, stopping Gary Keenan
in both instances, after the
Kew youngster had broken
through into one-on-one situ-
ations with the Werribee keep-
er.Werribee dominated the
opening 20 minutes of the
second half and although
Gipin broke clear in the 59th
minute his shot was well over
the bar.The deadlock was broken in
the 68th minute as Werribee
players rushed out, trying to
play offside. Terry Har-
graves knocked the ball
through to Paul Campbell, who
appeared to be played on-side
by defender Appleyard. Camp-
bell rounded Dixon and from
an acute angle, stroked the
ball into goal to give Kew a
fine 1-0 win.DIVISION THREE
HEIDELBERG BUN-
DOORA 1 (Edwards 85th)
SANDRINGHAM CITY 1
(Quin Penalty 84th) at
Ford Park, Heidelberg.HEIDELBERG BUNDOORA:
Ralph 7 — Parkin 7, Mowatt 7,
Taylor 7, Sterritt 8 — McQuillin 6
(Davidson M.T. 6), O'Hanlon 6 (B.
Coye 65th), Edwards 7, Ben-
gan 6, Pocock 8, J. Benagan 7.
Coach: Ray Pocock.SANDRINGHAM CITY: Harburn
7 — Donovan 7, Plumb 7, Palmer 7,
Dillon 7 — Bulck 6 (Finegan 70th),
Mackley 6, Denning 7, Flaherty 6,
Walker 7, Quin 7. Coach: Steve
Walker.Sandringham looked certain
to have won this game when it
broke the deadlock in the 84th
minute.Richard Plumb, ex-Monash,
won possession well inside his
defensive half and passed to
Steve Walker who laid off to
Alan Quin. The former Dov-
eton winger sent Brian Flaherty
clear only to be felled by Hei-
delberg Bundoora keeper
Ralph. Quin easily converted
from the penalty spot.But just two minutes later
Sandringham right back Gary
Donovan committed himself to
the tackle on the edge of his
own area. Ray Pocock scooped
past Donovan and crossed.
Edwards came in and headed
firmly Sandy sweeper Glen
Palmer got a touch to the ball
and did enough to deflect it
past goalkeeper Steve Harburn
and into goal for the equaliser.Ironically, Palmer was
Sandy's best. The former
winger was playing his first
full senior league game for
three seasons.ELTHAM 2 (Woodward
46th, Raynes 50th)
SOUTH MELBOURNE
MORDIALLO 4 (Papas
55th, Fekos penalty 67th,
Paparas 74th, Malcolm
78th) at North Eltham
Park.ELTHAM: Caray 6, Anderson
(7), Gerthwaite 6, Culley 6 (8), Ki-
parick 6 (8), Karay 6 (8), Harman 7 (8),
P. Cirka 6 (8) (Lewis 70th), Kavanagh
(7), Raynes 6 (8), Woodward 7 (8).
MORDIALLO: Gilberg, Karav-
ail, Antoniadis, Anagnostidis, Jorda-
nos, Fekos, Aard, Papas, Malcolm,
Paparas, Dellymnia. Best: Papas,
Paparas, Jordanos.Eltham shot into a two goal
lead in the first five minutes of
the second half and then un-
accountably laid back and al-
lowed the visitors back into the
game and eventually
slumped to a 4-2 defeat.Eltham's close marking in
the first half gave littlescope to the ball-playing Mor-
diallo side and when it scored
through Woodward and
Raynes at the start of the
second term the game looked
all over.Some of the Eltham players
thought so, for they relaxed
their grip and the visitors storm-
ed back into the game. After
Mordiallo's first goal Eltham
collapsed and it was just a
matter of time before Mor-
diallo equalised and went on
to win comfortably.PROVINCIAL
DIVISION ONE
CARLTON 1 (Stojceva
penalty 85th) BULLE-
ON VENETO 6 (Boarotto 7th,
80th, Salvatore 38th, 39th,
42nd, Micheloudakis 70th)
at Bulleen's ground.BULLEON VENETO: G. Poropat
7, E. Boln 8, C. Maneguzzi 7, S.
Zacchin 6, P. Casal 6, C. Grear 6
(M. Boln 70th), M. Basetto 6, D.
Sutherland 6, L. Boarotto 6, M.
Gennal 6 (J. Micheloudakis 70th
time 61).CARLTON: 2: Stefanovic 5, K.
Lavanicki 6, J. Kutleski 6, J.
Neymowski 6, M. Bakar 6, D. Vajic
6, B. Strinowski 6, V. Stojceva 6,
P. Apoculovski 6, C. Trajkovski 5, Z.
Bartol 6.Bulleen Veneto continued its
good form by steam rolling Carlton
6-1. The highlight of the day was
the electrifying hat-trick scored by
left-winger Salvatore in the first
half.Bulleen — Veneto started its goal
fast early, when Boarotto ran on to
a through ball by Sutherland and
lobbed the ball over the advancing
keeper Stefanovic in the 7th min-
ute.The constant pressure applied by
the Bulleen-Veneto side saw Sal-
vatore run the Carlton defence rag-
ged, enabling him to score a well-
deserved hat-trick in the space of
only four minutes.The second half started with
Carlton trying to make amends for
its bad first half, but the shots by
Carlton forwards were well per-
sued by goal-keeper G. Poropat. Bul-
leen Veneto restored home its advantage
by scoring the second half
through Micheloudakis and centre-
forward Boarotto in the 70th and
80th minutes.Carlton's consolation goal came
by way of a penalty, for pushing
and was scored by Stojceva in the
85th minute.CLAYTON 1 (Smrcak
39th) HAWKSBURN 2 (A.
Kazi 13th, 73rd) at Clay-
ton's ground.CLAYTON: Xypolitos, Rinovali,
Ryan, C. Reid, Brozman, Hughes, J.
Pirata, Brucan, Latta, Portulaga
BURN (Rinovali 65th). HAWK-
SBURN: Matric, Bilo, Benadick,
Karron, A. Kazi, Joca Szabo, Janice
Szabo, V. Kazi, A. Pato, Dorak,
Blessing, Baccali.The Hawksburn hero in this
win which shot the club to the
top of the league, was ex-
J.U.S.T. captain Andrew Kazi,
who scored two spectacular
goals against Clayton.DIVISION TWO
ABBOTSFORD TASSA
0 HOLLAND PARK 2
(Mirak 27th, 67th)HOLLAND PARK: Vismar 6, Jan-
covic 6, Boyce 6, A. Koca 6, Gennel
7, Vaher 6, Mirak 9, Sglaam 8,
Savine 6, Kozlov 7, Ushakov 8.Despite the absence of top
striker Celal Ihan, Holland
Park easily accounted for Ab-
botsford Tassa.Savlis Sglaam chested
down in the 37th minute for
Ismael Mirak who volleyed
home to make it 1-0.Mirak grabbed his second in
the second half.

Skye, not Cowboys?

As we went to press Victorian Bayside League club
Skye was set to amalgamate with Frankston City, which
withdrew its VSF membership recently.Frankston City initially was negotiating a merger with another
Bayside League club, Carrum Cowboys, but Skye has lobbied
the local council with a view to linking with Frankston and using its
home ground Centenary Park, in McClelland Drive.Skye reportedly has told the council that it will cover Frank-
ston City's outstanding ground rental and it boasts about 150
junior so it argues that it offers an important sporting outlet for
the local community, more so than Carrum Cowboys, which just
has a senior side.The Bayside League select drew 3-3 two weeks ago with last
year's Bayside champion, Lysaught's, in their annual challenge
match.The league, not affiliated with the VSF, will consist of 10 clubs
this year: Lysaught's, Carrum Cowboys, Skye, Hastings,
Cranbourne, Laverton Park, Ballan Park, Botany Park, Park-
bourne and Springvale.

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BOTH AWARD WINNERS WILL FLY THAI INTERNATIONAL

Scottish football moved close to a breakaway league when a bid by Premier League clubs to gain more voting power and bigger whack of the Pools cash was rejected by the League management committee.

NEWCASTLE IN FOCUS

Newcastle KB United joined the national competition in 1978 and immediately attracted huge crowds, as well as giving the league a more national flavor.

Under the astute guidance of manager-coach Alan Vest, KB established itself in the league, albeit that Vest and his board of directors had to work within strict budget guidelines.

Vest left KB near the end of the 1981 season and was replaced by former Soccerco striker Ray Bartz, on a caretaker basis. Ken Kaiser, who joined KB in 1978 and had coached the reserves and youth, took over last year and in the current coaching repertoire, Kaiser can look forward, with confidence, to a good year for KB with Bob Mountford back from injury and imports, Peter Burke and Garry Wesson, in his squad.

Here are the players who can make 1983 one of the best ever in the national competition for Newcastle:

BACK ROW: Howard Trednick (from the juniors); Peter Burke (from Halifax Town, 1983); Bob Mountford (Stockport, 1981); Clint Goding (juniors); David Jones (Macclesfield Town, 1978); Garry Wesson (Carlisle, 1983); Chris Mason (Arsenal youth, 1978).

FRONT ROW: Ralph Carter (juniors); David Love (juniors); Joe Benicovich (Sydney Olympic, 1979); Paul Driscoll (Canberra, 1981); Brett Cookham (Western Bears, 1982); Ken Kaiser (coach); Neil Driscoll (Canberra, 1981); Peter Wesson (Lalor, 1982); Alan Burt (Cok (Aston, 1983); Andy Samicovic (Elgworth, 1981); Brett Gammell (Western Bears, 1981); Bernard Kirby (juniors).



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